

# Seniors elect new executive

On Tuesday, February 23 the Acton Seniors Recreation Centre held their Annual General Meeting in the Community Hall.

Forty-seven members attended, which was down a little from last year. Perhaps that means everything is going well, and there are no complaints, or the snow fall had something to do with it.

President Mary Walsma welcomed and introduced Mayor Rick Bonnette, Terry Alyman, Director Recreation and Parks, Joy Thompson, Manager of Recreation Services, Councillors Jon Hurst, and Clark Somerville, Aaron Mathews, Facility Supervisor Acton Arena, Wendy Krever our co-ordinator, the present Board Members of the Centre and Bill Krever, CEO Better Health and Living.

Mayor Rick congratulated us on the many volunteer hours our members have contributed to the centre, and noted that without the volunteers many things would not be possible.

Terry Alyman thanked the board for "taking care of business" and thanked the outgoing board members and welcomed the incoming

members. He spoke about the importance of the strategic plan for the senior centres of Halton Hills and how it will help provide guidance in planning for the future for seniors in our community.

Pat Frizzell gave the financial report for 2009.

Wendy Krever thanked Jon Hurst for his hard work and commitment to the Acton Seniors Centre as our liaison with Halton Hills Council. She mentioned Stephanie Frances has accepted a full-time position with the City of Toronto, and Michelle Durham (who has been working temporarily as the administrative assistant) has been hired for position. She thanked Council for its support of the recommendation that funds from the EPC grant be used to allow the co-ordinator to work an additional day at the centre. She mentioned how much everyone enjoyed the February dinner when we celebrated our own mini-Olympics, and thanked Jill and Real Tetreault and their committee for a job well done, especially the added bonus of George Henderson entering with the torch, and the spontaneous singing

of O Canada. A very proud moment! She thanked the volunteers and the outgoing Board members Jill Tetreault, Pat Jones, and Jane McAllister for all their hard work over the past three years.

Donna Rowley chair of the Looking to the Future committee thanked all 25 members who attended the council meeting in support of the proposed expansion to the Centre. She also mentioned that the LTF fund paid the architect's fees for the plans. The plans were there for everyone to see. She asked for input from the members on the conceptual designs. This input can be passed on to anyone on the committee or to staff.

Julie Conroy talked about the accomplishments of the Acton and Georgetown members work on the Strategic Plan. This included a "New Look" to Acton and Georgetown Centre's newsletters, a joint senior's pamphlet, and working on a joint website linked through the Town of Halton Hills website.

Bill Krever gave us an update on the 26 centres that participated in the Building Bridges survey that included



**NEW SENIORS' BOARD:** A new board of directors was elected last week to the Acton Seniors' Centre. The executive includes, front from left: public relations committee chair Julie Conroy, president Mary Walsma, Wendy Muir, treasurer Pat Frizzell, travel committee chair Betty Green. Back: Halton Hills Council liaison Jon Hurst, Pauline Barlow, social committee chair Real Tetreault, secretary Connie Fix, past president Margaret Anderson and Susanne Blanchet-Haffey. – Submitted photo.

surveys from 2,700 members and 700 non-members province-wide. Bill said it was certainly the largest senior's survey in Canada, and possible North America, and was very important in shaping future plans for seniors in Ontario. Acton has one of the younger memberships compared with the rest of the Province. It was interesting to see comments from non-members as to why they hadn't joined Centres in their areas, including "Old people sitting playing cards, and eating muffins." Little do they know there is a lot more going on at our Centres.

It was interesting to note that Acton members felt they

got most of their information from local newspapers, and friends rather than the advertising media, so we have to thank our local papers for that.

Margaret Anderson and Donna Rowley conducted the election for three vacant board positions. They presented three names; Pauline Barlow, Suzanne Blanchet-Haffey, and Wendy Muir. There were no nominations from the floor, so they were elected.

Marg Haring tells me there were six players at Monday afternoon's carpet bowling. Pat Galton's Black team beat Shirley Kruk's Brown team 14 to 13. It was a very

close game and everyone had fun.

Anyone wishing to go to the Mohawk Dinner Theatre on Saturday, May 1, please sign-up and pay as soon as possible, as I have to confirm numbers. If you ever went to the Dinner Theatre at Guelph Arboretum you will be happy to hear the show is produced by the same company, so I know it will be funny and well produced. Of course the meals at the Mohawk Race track are always excellent.

Last year we shared a bus with the Acton Legion and enjoyed a little taste of British food and entertainment with a trip to the British Isles Show. This year George tells me they are hoping to go on Saturday, April 17. It should be around the same price as last year. Watch for the sign-up sheet.

Ruth gave me the information for the last Rama trip. The 50/50 draw was won by Bill Brewer, the birthday prize by Shirley Loucks, and in the lucky seats were Gwen Pemberton, Ruth Burke, Eric Heptner, Kathy Bowman, Betty Campbell, and Peggy Naughton.

Thinking of Ruth, she asked me to thank everyone who brought in wool for her and especially the lady who offered to knit pneumonia vests. She said she has enough wool to keep the orphans warm for quite a while.

Marj McDonough was the luck winner of this Friday's 50/50. She won \$63. For the past five weeks the money has been won every week. That must mean more people are coming in and putting their loonies in the box.

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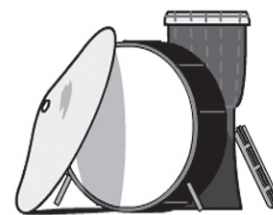
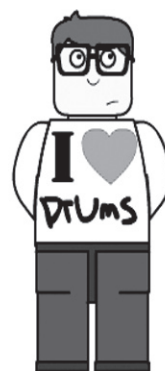
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