



ACTON SENIORS' RECREATION CENTRE

BY JULIE CONROY

One hundred people enjoyed the April in Paris social dinner. It was also a tribute to Marg and Dave Dodgson, who are moving to Tilsonburg shortly. Mary Walsma mentioned some of the many ways they had contributed to the enjoyment and success of the Acton Seniors Centre, including the great tradition they started with the monthly social dinners. Margaret was very involved in the paper tole and scrap booking classes and was Membership Chair for several years. It was Dave's vision to see Acton and Georgetown Seniors Centre's sharing more programs and interests while he was president. This has come to fruition with members being able to enjoy events at either Centre, and now joint dances and golf games. Sadly we never managed to get the fitness room Dave wanted, but Mary promised that if ever in the future we open

one, it will be named "The Dave Dodgson Room."

In keeping with the French theme, we enjoyed coq au vin, Parisian potatoes, and frenched green beans. Dessert was delicious French pastries, and Granny Smith apples grown in France. Even the water on the tables was from France. Well done Real and your committee.

The music was very upbeat and romantic. A trio from Toronto, Kurt Lund on tenor sax, Neville Barnes on guitar and Abbey Sholzberg on bass. The music reminded me of my younger days when we danced the fox trot, quick step and even the tango.

The 50/50 was won by Bev Jones, and the door prizes (still with a French theme) were won by Anne Drysdale, Bill Sanford, Bob Leavens, Dorothy Rognvaldson, Marg Bromby, Steve Palichuk, Renata Stau-

fenberger, Bob Bruce, Steve Townsley and Pat Galton. Real tells me the next dinner will have an Italian theme.

Bev Jones with the Fundraising Committee announced the winners of the silent auction at the dinner. He thanked Real Tetreault, Pat Frizzell, Cassie Ladley, Pat Galton, Bev Jones and Dermot Richardson for their winning bids which contributed \$279.38 much needed dollars to the Centre.

The fundraising committee was very busy Tuesday morning planning the upcoming Bazaar. It will be on Saturday May 8th. It was nice to see some new faces on the committee. Hopefully they are coming up with lots of fresh ideas for making it bigger and better. I hope you have marked the date on your calendars. You might be able to pick up a gift for Mothers Day or



A FOND FAREWELL: Pat Patterson (centre) was one of the original members of Dave and Margaret Dodgson's creative cooking crew that produced delicious meals at the various social events at the Acton Seniors Centre several years ago. They are moving to Tilsonburg and at a recent goodbye party, Pat presented them with a cake and thanked them for their many years of dedicated hard work. — Julie Conroy photo

a treat for her to enjoy. Members don't forget the bazaar bake table is only as good as you make it. I understand this year there will be no pre-opening sales, so there should be lots to choose from. Get out your mothers favourite recipe, and get baking ladies. Donna Rowley still has the offer open for anyone who will not be able to bake that weekend. She will be happy to store baking in her freezer and Bev is available to pick it up. We will be accepting donations of crafts, paper back books and items of good quality for our granny's attic.

The Spring Fashion show will be on Tuesday April 20 at 2:00 p.m. There will not only be a wonderful selection of spring clothes for you to see, as our models strut

their stuff, but door prizes and refreshments. Tickets are on sale now. If you aren't able to get to the Centre you can purchase them at the door. Hope to see everyone there.

At the Thursday afternoon Bid euchre Elma Braida had the first mooner.

A representative from Halton Region asked me to mention in this column that they are having an Age Friendly focus group meeting in May. Age friendly communities enable older persons to live safely, maintain their health and participate fully in their community. Halton Region's Elder Services Advisory Committee is holding focus groups with Halton seniors to get input on topics related to age friendly communities. They want to hear from you! If you

are interested in participating in a focus group in Acton, please contact Halton Region by dialing 311, or Toll Free 1-866-442-5866. TTY 905 -827-9833. www.halton.ca.

Last Tuesday Halton Police Constable Laurel Barnett working with SALT gave a presentation to help make seniors aware of the latest scams, and what to be aware of with identity theft. Important personal information was photocopied for them so they could keep a copy in a safe place in case they misplaced or had the originals stolen. Which is always a good idea if going on vacation or traveling.

For volunteers at the Centre who were unable to attend the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act information meeting, there will be a second one on Thursday April 22 at 2:00 p.m. in the Community Hall.

I know the trip to Mohawk to the races on June 21 is a long way off, but I need to send a cheque as soon as possible to confirm numbers. If you have your name down, can you please pay as soon as possible!

The weekly 50/50 draw was not won this week, so next week it should be almost \$500.

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