

Comrades,

The benefit evening for a Veteran in Distress held last Friday evening was by all reports an outstanding success. Almost \$4,000 was raised on Friday, and the spill over to Saturday afternoon raised a further \$500.

We are deeply indebted all in the branch and community who donated goods, services and their time to this worthy event.

**Sunnybrook Visit**

Our annual visit will be on June 13 this year.

There is a list posted for members who wish to go to add their names.

Please do it early in case we require to book an extra bus.

*Yours in comradeship,  
Jim Hayes Branch PRO  
Ladies Auxiliary News*

Thursday May 13, we had our general meeting and our elections with 25 ladies in attendance.

Our new elected officers and executive committees are as follows:

- Officers:**  
**Immediate Past President**  
 Annamarie Lowin  
**President**  
 Peggy Harris  
**1st Vice-President**  
 Lucy Synnott  
**2nd Vice-President**  
 Teresa Uiterwyk  
**Secretary**  
 Helen Van Opstal  
**Treasurer**  
 Betty Green

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- Sports Officer**  
 Norma Titus  
**Sargent-at-Arms**  
 Diane Aplin  
**Executive Committee as follows:**  
**Membership**  
 Helen Fowler  
**Sick and Social**  
 Sue Poulsen  
**Standard Bearer**  
 Anna Marie Clarke  
**Banquet Convenor** (calling cooks)  
 Gail Gibson  
**Kitchen and Property Convenor**  
 Fern Shultis  
**Appointed Positions: Administration/Banquet**  
**Convenor**  
 Kathleen Bevan  
 Joyce Buchanan  
**Honours and Awards**  
 Fern Shultis  
**Funerals**  
 Janet Grant  
**Hostess**  
 Dolores Jordan

As of June 1, the new officers and executive will take over.

At this time I would like to thank each and every comrade for all your help during my four-year term as President. It was a great pleasure and honour to have been the L.A. President, to have worked with a lot of

hard-working ladies and the Branch executive. Wishing the new elected executives, Ladies Auxiliary and Branch all the best.

Upcoming Events:

Sue Poulsen is planning a social outing. A musical "Broadway Gold II" at the Rose Theatre in Brampton. Date - Sunday July 25, show time 2 p.m. Cost: \$24 per person.

If you are interested please contact Sue Poulsen ASAP, replies in by June meeting at the latest.

Our next general meeting will be Thursday, June 3. We will have our pot luck supper at this time. Supper 6:30 p.m., meeting at 7:30 p.m.

For all the ladies under the weather, get well wishes to all.

I would like to thank the staff at The New Tanner for publishing my L.A. News for the past four years.

Thanks everyone!  
*Yours in comradeship  
 L.A. President  
 Annamarie Lowin*

**Rural sustainability**

Halton Hills is urging Statistics Canada to reverse its decision to terminate funding for the Rural Research Group that provides Ottawa with the data and analysis needed to support a comprehensive agenda on rural sustainability.

Regional/Acton Councillor Clark Somerville, a member of the rural forum of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), said the funding cut was a bureaucratic decision.

"FCM has been advocating for the last couple of years to have a rural champion at the Cabinet table...20 per cent of Canada's population still lives in the rural area," Somerville said.

Regional/Georgetown Councillor Jane Fogal said it is a "terrible time for the rural issues to fall off the table" as they debate sustainability, and sustainable food production.

"Here is the problem. The rural area doesn't have enough votes. It's as simple as that," Fogal said, adding FCM will make it an issue unless the government doesn't "get back on."

Mayor Rick Bonnette said Statistics Canada's decision to end funding of the Rural Research Group is very serious" and a set back for rural areas.

**Municipal Assistance**  
 Acton's Fall Fair, the upcoming "Big Daddy" Father's Day event and Acton's Nurse Practitioner will benefit from the Town's Municipal Assistance Program.

Last Monday, Town Council ratified the Community Affairs Committee's approval of the requests, waiving \$7,963

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in fees for the Acton Agricultural Society for delivery of equipment, marketing and special projects.

Fees totalling \$6,500 will be waived for equipment rentals and marketing for the Halton Hills Cultural Round Table's "Big Daddy" event, and Roger Frisoff, the Nurse Practitioner at the new Acton medical clinic, will receive a rental subsidy of \$2,670 under a partnership agreement.

Also approved was a \$301 fee waiver for a Halton flu clinic, and Glen Williams Public School will not have to pay \$529 in equipment rental fees for its annual picnic.

Requests for relief from municipal fees, permits and licenses may be approved when all of the proceeds from an event are directed back to a town facility, program and/or service.

Applicants must provide a refundable deposit and a financial statement following the event, and the event requesting the fee

waiver must not charge admission.

**West Nile surveillance begins**  
 Monitoring and killing mosquitoes and mosquito larvae are key elements of Halton's annual West Nile virus (WNV) control program that began on Monday.

While some WNV positive mosquitoes were found in Halton last year, there were no reported cases of human infection that can be fatal. Larvicides will be used in catch

basins, storm water ponds and other areas of standing water to kill mosquito larvae before they develop into adult mosquitoes.

To avoid exposure, residents are reminded to cover up when outside, avoid being outside at dusk and dawn, and wear insect repellent containing DEET. Homeowners should remove any standing water in things like bird baths and plant saucers, where mosquitoes can lay eggs.

For more information or to report an area of standing water, call 311 or 1-866-442-5866, or visit [www.halton.ca/wnv](http://www.halton.ca/wnv)

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**Budget Meeting  
 Education Funding in Halton**

The Halton District School Board invites members of the public to attend an upcoming meeting to discuss the Board's 2010-2011 budget.

The purpose of the meeting is to provide information regarding education funding in Halton. Members of the public are welcome to attend one of the following meetings. All meetings will be held from 7-9 p.m.

**Tuesday, May 25, 2010**  
 Silver Creek Public School  
 170 Eaton Street  
 Georgetown, Ontario  
 (Gymnasium)

Halton District School Board  
 2050 Guelph Line, Burlington, ON L7R 3Z2  
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