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JEGION NEWS By James Hayes =

Two bus loads of members from the Branch, the Ladies Auxiliary, the Acton Typhoon Squadron Air Cadets and family members traveled to Sunnybrook Hospital in Toronto on Sunday, June 14 to give thanks, love and hand out 160 gift bags to our true heroes, the veterans, as Kent Tocher performed the hits the veterans cherish.

Special thanks go out to our bus drivers Pat Robinson and Pat Graham for a safe journey home and to Commanding Officer Kati Nuttall and her Corps of Air Cadets. The young men and women in uniform were warmly received by the veterans and were wonderful ambassadors for the town of Acton. The 160 gift bags were put together by Dave and Joan Maloney and Jim and Ann Horn and were graciously donated by Active Green and Ross. Everyone present returned to Acton with a better understanding of the sacrifices made by the veterans, whom managed to return home from the war. Mark on your calendar, and bring out the whole family on Sunday, September 12, as the Sunnybrook veterans make their annual pilgrimage to our Branch.

Even though it is summer, the Legion is still open for business with the meat draw every Saturday and the story telling bar in full swing.

On behalf of all our members, I would like to thank our comrade Jim Hayes for an outstanding seven years of keeping the Branch 197 members up to date with all the happenings down at the Branch. I know that if it was not for Jim's eloquent writings I would not have joined the executive, and I would probably instead be enjoying myself with a refreshment on the "Patio by the Lake." I raise my glass to you my friend.

Legion Ladies Auxiliary Notes:

Congratulations to Norma Titus, Betty Green, Marg Haring and Phyllis Bunn

who came first in Saturday's Qualifying Round for Euchre. The ladies will be going to District Euchre October 23 in Port Colborne Branch 56.

This year, in our Zone, if you win first place for Qualifying Rounds you get a plaque with the lady's name on it. Norma will show the ladies this plaque at the September meeting. This is the first time a plaque was given and Acton will have their names on the plaque first. Well done Ladies and good luck at District!

Norma and I attended the Sports meeting in Welland this past Sunday, and Norma will give her report at September's meeting there were elections at this meeting, and Kelly Scott will once again hold the position as District Sports Officer. This meeting had a good turn out.

On a sad note, I would like to let our LA members know that we have lost another Auxiliary in Zone B7 (this is the Zone that we are in) and that would be Bronte. We now have nine Auxiliaries in Zone B7. Bronte has had a declining membership over the years and no one to run for Executive and the older members cannot carry on so they had to give up their Charter. Without an Executive you cannot have a Charter for the LA., this also happened to Erin.

I know it is early, but remember to mark your calendars for the September General Meeting as we have changed it to the second Thursday of the month being September 9.

Also mark your calendars for Qualifying Round for Singles and Doubles for Darts which will be Saturday, September 24 Acton is hosting this event.

Don't forget to call Dolores (Hostess) over the summer to help with banquets.

Yours in Comradeship Peggy Harris President to Branch 197 Acton Legion Ladies Auxiliary



VETERANS HONOURED: Three members of the Acton Legion Branch 197 Typhoon Air Cadets visited with veterans at Sunnybrook Hospital during the Legion's recent annual visit to the hospital. – Submitted photo



GIFTS FOR VETERANS

After presenting a veteran with a gift bag, Morgan, granddaughter of Acton Legion members Jim and Ann Horn, received a kiss during the Acton Branch's recent annual visit to the veterans at Sunnybrook Hospital.

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