



GENEROUS DONATION: The \$1,500 raised at the recent annual Legion/Rotary seniors' dinner was donated to the Salvation Army for its Christmas hamper program that makes the holidays a little brighter for the needy. Rotary Club of Acton President Robert Bedard (left) and Branch 197 President George DeRabbie (right) presented the cheque to Salvation Army Majors Shirley and Sam Roberts.

— Submitted photo

BRANCH No. 197 **LEGION NEWS** By Wayne Young P.R.O.

Comrades,

Santa Claus visited the Branch last Sunday to the delight of all the children and parents present for the annual Legion Children's Christmas party. A thank you must go out to all of Santa's elves who helped to hand out the gifts, prepared the hot dogs and fries, and kept the children entertained with magic and balloon animals. A very special thank you must be extended to two of Santa's elves, Jim and Rhona Thornhill, who after spending a lifetime of helping Santa Claus with his visits to the Acton Legion, are putting away the reindeer food for the very last time. Theirs will be a rest well deserved.

With Santa come and gone, it must be time for the annual Turkey Roll which takes place on Saturday, December 18. Come to the Branch and

try to win your Christmas dinner. The turkeys start rolling around 2 p.m., and the fun doesn't start until you get there.

The Acton Legion is ushering in New Years Eve with a live band. Dance the year 2011 in to the sounds of Browns Garage, with party favours, a buffet and a free bus ride home within the Acton town limits, all at the low price of \$35 per person. Tickets are available at the bar now. Get yours before they vanish.

With the snow finally upon us, I am sure we all know a Veteran, or a senior, who could use our help with the shovelling of their driveway or sidewalk, and what better time than Christmas to help our fellow citizens with a small gesture of kindness. It is never too late to thank a Veteran, or to help a senior.

Police/Fire Report

Oops

Employees using a fork lift damaged a sprinkler head, which set off the alarms, at the vinyl siding plant on Main Street North at 2:47 on Saturday morning. The alarm system had to be shut down and a fire watch was posted until the it could be repaired.

Gas leak

Acton firefighters were busy on Friday, beginning at 8:52 a.m. when they responded to a reported

natural gas leak in the area of 320 Westcott Road. A contractor ruptured a gas line while doing some excavating. Fire fighters checked several houses in the area and stood by until Union Gas crews arrived.

At 11:43 a.m. fire fighters investigated a CO alarm

activation in the Fourth Line-10 Side Road area. A faulty detector was to blame.

At 12:13 p.m. firefighters answered a burn complaint on the Fourth line in the Highway 7 area. Although the owner had a valid permit, he did not have

a permit for what he was burning under the conditions of the day.

Because of the remote location of the burn site on the property, the owner was advised to let the fire extinguish itself.

Gas leak?

Acton fire fighters called Union Gas after they answered a possible gas leak call on Kingham Road at 2:08 last Monday afternoon. No evidence of any gas was found.

Local doctors take to the ice for charity

Next April, Halton Region, the Doctors' Hockey Club and community partners will host Docs on Ice. A charitable hockey tournament, Docs on Ice is hosted in a different city each year to raise funds for a local charity in the host community. In 2011, the tournament will be held in Oakville, from April 7 to 9.

"We are pleased to join our community partners in supporting the Docs on Ice 2011 Charitable Hockey tournament as part of our Physician Recruitment program," said Halton Regional Chair Gary

Carr. "As a former hockey player, I'm really looking forward to this event, and to be able to showcase Halton as a tourism destination of choice."

The Doctors' Hockey Club, host for the 2011 tournament, is made up of Halton, Hamilton and Mississauga hockey-playing doctors. With the help of local volunteers, the tournament raises funds through a combination of registration fees, sponsorship, donations and special events. Funds raised through Docs on Ice Oakville 2011 will support the Alzheimer Society of Hamilton Halton.

Planning for the 2011 event is already well underway. Organizers are working hard to secure sponsors and find volunteers.

"Our goal is to raise money to create the "Docs on Ice Resource Centre," said Dr. David Palmer, Chairman of the Docs on Ice 2011 Execu-

tive Committee. "This state-of-the-art facility in Oakville will provide needed resources to Halton residents living with Dementia."

Corporate donations and sponsorship are welcome. According to Dr. Palmer, the Docs on Ice tournament offers an excellent opportunity for local com-

panies to showcase their offerings and be recognized as champions in the community by demonstrating commitment to a local charity.

"We are thrilled to be the selected charity for the Docs on Ice 2011 tournament," said Trevor

Clark, Regional Director, Development, Alzheimer Society of Hamilton and Halton. "The Resource Centre will increase opportunities for socialization, counselling and supports for people with Dementia and their families."

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