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✓ Good food, good cause

Rose Cherry's home volunteers (l-r) Josephine Ceelen, Rita Albin-Curtis and Liz Munro hold a few of the baked and raffle items for sale recently at a Milton Mall fundraiser for the cause, a home for ailing kids and their families.

✓ Luck plays big part in Gardiner's re-election

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Special to The Champion

With a bit of help from Lady Luck, Ethel Gardiner was re-elected chair of the Halton District School Board last Wednesday.

Ms Gardiner and new vice-chair Debbie Marklew were both chosen by a blind draw after tie votes for both positions. Ms Marklew was elected over Oakville Trustee Lynn Roberts.

The chair from Halton Hills was elected to the top job over Burlington Trustee Sheila Flook for the second straight term.

"I'm very pleased to be chair for another year. I look forward to working with every trustee," said Ms Gardiner. "I congratulate Trustee Flook, who did just as well as I did, but it was the luck of the draw."

After each tie vote, candidates submitted their names to the ballot box for a blind draw. The winning

name was then pulled out by Halton regional clerk Joan Eaglesham, who was brought in after the board agreed to have a non-staff member tabulate votes.

Both candidates, in their second terms as trustees, told colleagues they have the experience needed to serve as chair.

Ms Gardiner said there were many rapid changes last year and the board must do more than handle daily operations.

"We have to be visionaries and policy setters for the system if we're to serve students well," she said. "We're here for students, staff and all the stakeholders. We must be leaders and we must believe that what is worth doing is worth doing well."

Milton Trustee Erica Andrew cited Ms Gardiner's numerous leadership qualities when nominating her.

"She's committed to a global viewpoint; she sees

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