

**GOVERNMENT:** Groups sharing Latcham Hall again

# Seniors club still hoping for own space

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When the 400-plus members of the 55+ Club moved into Latcham Hall earlier this year, they didn't expect to have company.

Wilf Morley, the club's president, even told council back in July: "the members must feel an ownership to this facility and not share with others".

And when they were scoping out options with Councillor Phil Bannon last year, including Latcham Hall, "there were never any discussions in that tour we had to share and now they're claiming it was in there in the motion," Mr. Morley told The Sun-Tribune last week.

Even the Lions Club believed it was permanently kicked out of the hall they utilized for more than 15 years for meetings, in order to accommodate the 55+ Club. However, the Lions are back and have the same schedule as before - three Monday night meetings per month.

Along with the Lions, Brownies/Guides are there Thursday evenings and the town

has leisure programming scheduled for Saturdays and Sundays.

The original intent of the renovation was to accommodate more leisure services programming.

"We're making it work. Give us lemons and we'll make lemonade out of it," Mr. Morley told The Sun-Tribune.

Although the hall's renovation was reworked to include a reception area and desk for them, it's still not quite right.

"It isn't the best for us, the hall itself, because we'd like to do a number of activities at once. One big room doesn't fill our needs," said Mr. Morley, a former town councillor and candidate for mayor.

"We wish we got something with more rooms and maybe down the road we will," he said.

The 55+ Club's next and perhaps final move could be to the location they turned down about 10 years ago - the current Care & Share Thrift Shop.

"Which I think would have been a great seniors' centre for them," said Mayor Wayne Emmerson, who added he suggested the

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Mayor

former library space where the thrift shop is to the seniors way back when and was told no thank you.

The seniors also turned down Mayor Emmerson's recent invite to join them in the new town hall.

"I think it was a good proposal, they could be here," he said.

"There's been some good opportunities for the seniors but they turned them down," he said.

No matter where the 55+ Club members move to next, it will involve a different council, minus the current mayor.

"I have no say in it because I'm going," Mr. Emmerson said.

Mr. Morley is fully aware nothing will change until a new council is elected in 2014. If the 55+ Club were to move into the Care & Share facility, which Mr. Morley said they have an option on once the thrift shop vacates, he said between designing it and the municipal election, it will be at least three years until they move.

"I'm not holding our breath on that too long, especially with our mayor not running again," he said.

During the hall's renovation, the 35-member Lions club were not left out in the cold. They held their meetings at the Stouffville Royal Canadian Legion.

"We were very grateful and they certainly looked after us," said Joe Cote, program co-ordinator and membership chair for the Lions.

"They welcomed us to come at no cost, except we paid for the meals, of course," he said.

The annual Christmas toy drive was held at the town hall and as there was sufficient notice, Mr. Cote said donations were as ample as ever.

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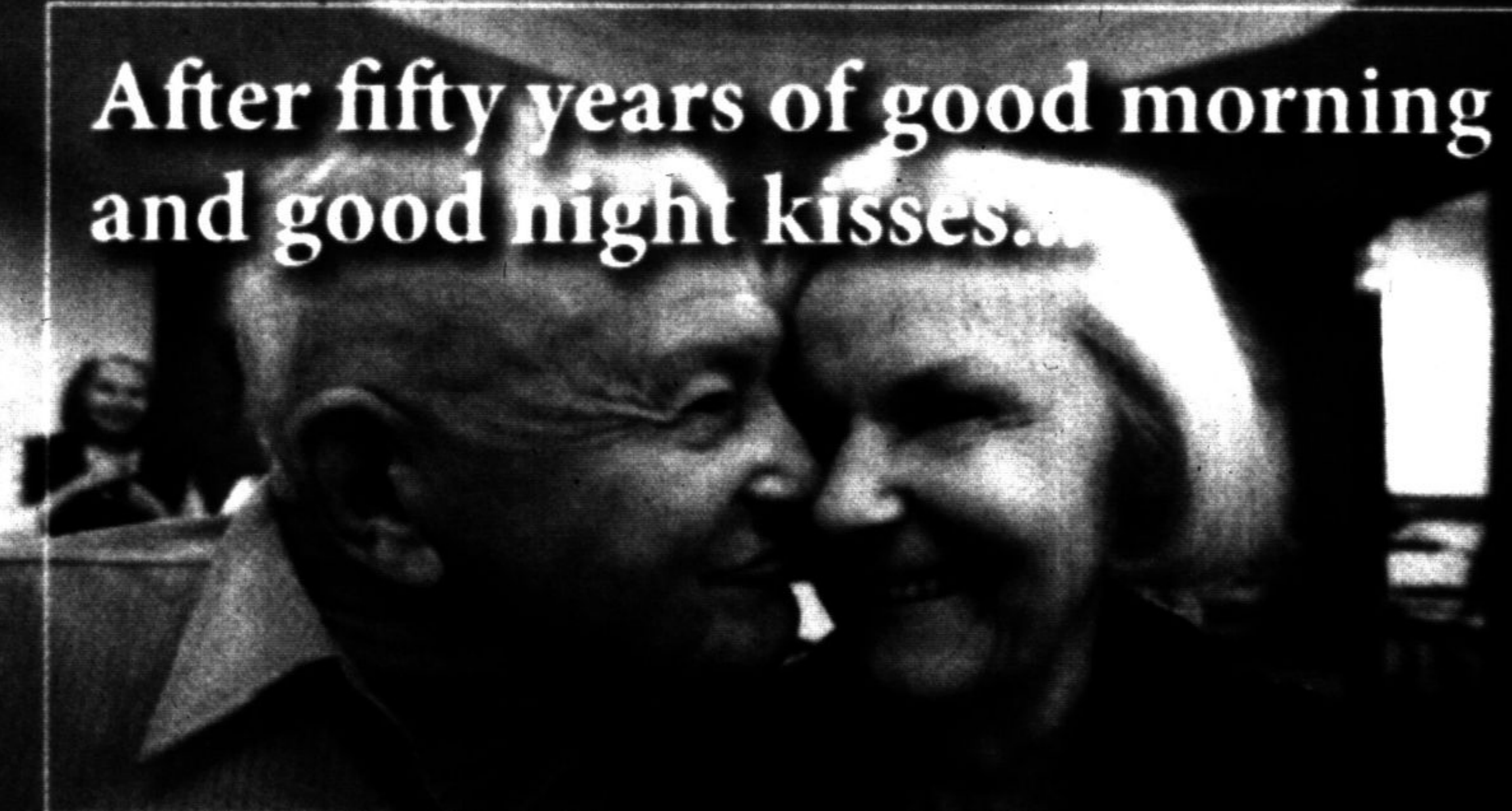
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