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ACTOR/SINGER DINAH CHRISTIE dropped by Town Hall last week to hold a press conference and sign autographs for Mayor's Senior Advisory Committee members Councillor Mary Rose and Steve Elliott. Ms. Christie will speak to the Seniors Forum June 11.

Dinah Christie to address Seniors Forum

By DAN PELTON
Staff Reporter

Actor/singer Dinah Christie will be the headliner at the Seniors Forum at the Lord Dufferin Centre next Thursday, June 11.

At a recent press conference, Ms. Christie demonstrated that, at 66, she is every bit as sassy as the Dinah Christie who belted out satirical tunes on CBC's This Hour Has Seven Days in 1965 and who played a mean game of charades on The Party Game for 10 seasons.

Born in 1942, she pre-dates the Baby Boomer generation by just a couple

of years, yet she will not categorize herself as being part of any particular age group. Instead, she prefers to call herself a "zoomer."

And she is certainly no advocate of a mandatory retirement age. "People ask me when I'll retire," said Ms. Christie. "I think it will be when I'm dead."

In short, she is representative of a range of seniors who continue to be a dynamic demographic.

"There are many more of us living and we are stronger than at any time in history," she points out.

Ms. Christie is currently involved in a number of projects, including writing a musical drama about

First Nations poet and writer Pauline Johnson. She is also the assistant director of Clooney Tunes, a review featuring the music of Rosemary Clooney.

As well, she sings with a swing band called the Windjammers and is a master of natural healing art of reiki.

Asked if she will impart some pearls of wisdom at the Forum, organized by the Mayor's Seniors' Advisory Committee, Ms. Christie quipped: "I hope I'm smart enough, have read enough, have no near misses on the highway, and have enough caffeine in me to do that."

Veterans' benefits to be reinstated

By DAN PELTON
Staff Reporter

Area war veterans are breathing easier this week after Monday's announcement that federal legislation will be introduced to extend benefits to Allied veterans of the World War Two and the Korean War, as well as their families.

An Allied veteran is one who served with the forces of any nation allied with Canada during the First World War, Second World War or the Korean War.

The benefits for these individuals were eliminated in 1995 by then finance minister Paul Martin.

"I've worked 14 years to

hear (this announcement)," says Bill Edge, an 86-year-old veteran of the British army who landed at Normandy and fought through to Germany. "It's a big weight off my back and I'm glad it's finally out in the open."

Mr. Edge's fight to have the benefits reinstated was aided by fellow Orangeville resident Michael Hill, who says it was "an issue I believe in."

"It was an absolute travesty that the benefits were removed in 1995. I don't want to make this sound like a partisan issue, but it was wrong that Mr. Martin was trying to save money on the backs of our veter-

ans."

Under the proposed legislation, allied veterans who have lived in Canada for at least 10 years will have access to War Veterans Allowance and associated assistance and health benefits. Family members may also receive benefits. These changes, when enacted, will allow payment of benefits retroactive to October 14, 2008, the day of the last federal election.

"We want to extend these benefits as soon as possible," said veteran affairs minister Greg Thompson, who introduced the legislation in the House of Commons on Monday.

"That's why eligible Allied Veterans and their family members may receive payment for benefits back to October 14, 2008."

While the minority Conservative government cannot guarantee the legislation's passage, there has been no word, so far, of the three opposition parties opposing it. Several members of the NDP caucus have come out in favour of the legislation.

Canadian-born veterans currently receive, among other things, health care benefits, long term care facilities and a Veterans Independence Program (VIP). The health care benefit includes medical, sur-

gical and dental care. Disability pensioners can get treatment benefits, such as prescription drugs that are for their pensioned conditions.

The long term care facilities provide veterans with a senior's facility at no cost to them. The VIP helps veterans live longer and healthier in their own homes and communities as long as possible. It provides the funding that allows veterans to stay in their homes and pay to have services, such as house and lawn work, provided for them.

Under the new legislation, allied veterans will also be eligible for the VIP benefit.

11th Corn Flower festival coming to museum

Dufferin County Museum and Archives (DCMA) will celebrate the famous Corn Flower glassware pattern at its Annual Corn Flower Festival this Sunday, June 7.

Pete and Lois (Hughes) Kayser, the owners and former operators of the WJ Hughes Corn Flower

Company will be on hand to answer Corn Flower questions and visitors will be able to meet Krista Taylor, author of the "Canadian Identification & Price Guide to W. J. Hughes Corn Flower Glass" and Wayne Townsend, DCMA Curator and author of "Corn Flower - Creatively

Canadian".

Also planned for the day are 'share sessions', a consignment sale, live auction of Corn Flower glassware, and presentations focusing on you, the collector!

While there, be sure to visit the museum's Corn Flower Exhibit, "Decades of Design: From Deco to Disco."

The 2009 Dufferin County Museum and Archives' W.J. Hughes Corn Flower Exhibit celebrates the styles and colours of the decades during which Corn Flower was produced.

Each case holds not only glass from the DCMA permanent Corn

Flower collection but also clothing and other items of popular culture from World War I to 1988.

In keeping with the exhibit theme, "Decades of Design: From Deco to Disco", the DCMA is encouraging visitors to join in on the fun and come dressed to a decade

of their choice.

The 11th Annual Corn Flower Festival takes place on Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information, please contact the Dufferin County Museum and Archives.

General Admission \$10, children under 5 free.


Appointments, transfers

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of Westside Secondary School. Julie Bodiam, currently vice-principal at Westside, will take the same post at Centre Wellington.

Among those appointed as elementary school principals are Tracey Lindsay, currently with the Wellington Catholic board, as acting principal of Montgomery Village Public School in Orangeville, and Carlo Zen, also currently with the Wellington Catholic board, as principal of Grand Valley and District Public School.

The list of transfers includes that of Tammy Fleming, currently vice-principal at Primrose Elementary, to the same post at Princess Elizabeth Public School in Orangeville; Amanda Leatham, vice-principal at Island Lake Public School, to the same post at Kortright Hills P.S.; Anita Lagundza-deFreitas, vice-principal at Credit Meadows Elementary, to the same post at Erin Public School. As well, Lynda McDougall, acting vice-principal at Hyland Heights P.S., has been appointed vice-principal of Primrose Elementary.




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