# Community Care Diner's Dinners at St. George's Church

Community Diners Dinner events are part of the services provided by the Community Care office in Colborne. These dinners were started to provide seniors with a regular monthly nourishing dinner at a reasonable cost, as well as an outing with the opportunity to socialize with other local seniors as well. The first of these dinners in our area began in Colborne in approximately 2010 or 2011. The dinners in Colborne were well attended. Diners Dinners for seniors were so successful and the attendees included so many from Grafton that it was decided to explore the possibility of moving the dinners to Grafton.

In the fall of 2011, representatives of St. George's Anglican Church, St. Mary's Catholic Church, Eddystone Baptist Church and St. Andrew's United Church met in the Haldimand Court Apartments Common Room to discuss if we were in a position to start sponsoring Diner's Dinners on a rotational basis in the Grafton area. The host provides a nourishing dinner at noon for the seniors who attend, and the participants pay the modest amount of $10.00 to attend the dinner.

On February 16th, 2012, St. George's hosted the first Dinner in Grafton. In the original schedule, we would host once every three months with no dinners in July and August. In 2017, it was further decided that we would not host a dinner in December due to the fact that a number of other service club shave special events for seniors.

Also in 2017, due to circumstances St. Mary's Church had to withdraw their participation to host these dinners. This created more work and events for the remaining churches. In order to alleviate this, the Grafton Legion Ladies Auxiliary were approached to see if they would be willing to participate with these dinners along with the two remaining churches in Grafton. They readily agreed.

So, here we are in 2019 with this activity for seniors in our community still going strong and fitting in well to reinforce our slogan that "There is room for everyone in our church".

Bob Deane