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West Lorne Santa Claus Parade “Christmas Happiness Is...”

Our Santa Claus Parade was held Friday, November 28 in the evening through the downtown core of West Lorne. As usual it was a hit although the number of float entries was down significantly. Possibly half the amount compared to the previous year. It is not known why the numbers were down and the weather could not have been better with above zero temperatures and no rain or snowfall.

It was reported that just over 80 children visited with Santa and Mrs. Claus at the WECHC following the parade, who each received a candy bag. A small stuffed animal was given to the younger ones who aren't quiet ready yet for candy.

Let's give our Parade Committee a big pat on the back for all their hard work in organizing this big event. They man-

aged to cover everything from start to finished included rounding up outside help for traffic control to judging.

Float winners were: best service club; Talbot ATV Club, best decorated; Albert's Generator Service, best illuminated, Rodney Fair Board, best youth group; 1st West Lorne Sparks and Brownies, best family float went to the DeWit-Dieker Kids and best commercial float was Jim Humphrey-Nerds On Site.

We are always thinking of ideas to make our parade bigger and better so please don't hesitate to bring up any ideas you may have at our meetings. Planning is already underway for the 2009 Santa Claus Parade.



Big crowd for youth appreciation night

Youth Appreciate Dinner and Awards night was held on November 20 with a large crowd in attendance. The dinner was delicious and presentations from the teachers of our local schools were great. This year's recipients were (l to r) front row: Sophie Tasker, St. Mary's; Steven Wilkens, St. Mary's; Rob Roos; WESS, Tyler Ross; WESS, Kelsey Slater; St. Mary's, back row: Justin Delgado; Aldborough, Lauren McWilliam; WESS, Jennifer Long; Aldborough, Amanda Charlton; WESES, Matthew Hoogiem; WESES, Taylor Cundy; WESS, Paul Dieker; St. Mary's. Congratulations students!

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information on 'Adult
Fun Night' and the
'Oratorical' contest -
both coming in
February!