

COMMUNITY UPDATE

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Please forward announcements of non-profit and free events for Community Update to Wilma Blokhuis, Oakville Beaver, 467 Speers Rd., Oakville, Ont. L6K 3S4; Fax 905-337-5567; e-mail blokhuis@haltonsearch.com or call 905-845-3824 ext. 250; BEFORE NOON MONDAY to be included. Free listing.

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 10

Over 300 volunteers required for gift wrapping until Christmas Eve. Oakville Big Sisters will be wrapping gifts at Oakville Place. The Gift Wrap booth is located on the Upper Level, outside The Bay. A coat check service will also be available. If you are interested in volunteering, call 905-338-0238. Students earn community hours.

Oakville-Burlington Parents of Kids with Diabetes Support Group meets the second Wednesday of each month at 8 p.m. at members' homes. Parents of kids-teens with Type 1 Diabetes are welcome to join for informal discussions about food, insulin pumps, school issues, and lots more. For more information, call Linda at 905-825-2714.

THURSDAY DECEMBER 11

Combined Probus Club of North Oakville monthly meeting, River Oaks Recreation Centre, 2400 Sixth Line, 10 a.m. Speaker: Glynis Maxwell, Coordinator of Affordable Housing Halton. Probud provides social contacts and activities for retired and semi-retired professional and business persons. New members welcome. For more information call Rod at 905-847-7670.

Do you need help? Food for Life food banks to be held at St. Hilda's Church, 12 - 2 p.m., 1258 Rebecca beside Woodside Library.

WISE - Mature Women's Network. Over 50? Join this informal, social group meets second Thursday (November, December and January) and then moves to the second Friday for (February to June) of each month. Guest speakers, group discussions and special events. Drop in. Ongoing from November till June, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. No cost. Call Women's Centre, 905-847-5520.

The American Women's Club of Oakville meets the second Thursday of every month. Club is open to all born and naturalized citizens.

Call 905-825-6386 for more information.

HAPPEN - Linking People and Opportunities networking support group for unemployed business professionals, 8 a.m., in Mississauga. Speaker: Judy Suke, *Why HR People Hate Us and How to Make Them Like Us*. Members \$5, non-members \$10. Call 905-339-0268 or www.happen.ca

Women's Caring and Sharing Circle with Patricia Hurst. Spend an hour in the warm, accepting atmosphere of other women like yourself. Share your challenges, life experience and wisdom. Every Thursday, 1 - 2 p.m. No cost. Call Women's Centre, 905-847-5520.

Are you interesting in taking your public speaking skills to a new level? Join **First Oakville Toastmasters** every Thursday evening at 7:15 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Call Dale Fisher for more details at 905-849-8454.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 12

Dramatic reading of Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol with CBC's Michael Enright, actors Jim Millington and David Boyle, St. Paul's United Church, 454 Rebecca. Tickets, \$12, call 905-845-3427. All proceeds to Salvation Army Lighthouse Shelter.

Christmas Baubles - Christmas concert by Oakville Choral Society, Dec. 12 and 13, 8 p.m., Christ Church, 1700 Mazo Cr., off Clarkson, Mississauga. Director Bev Stainton, accompanist Imre Olah and soloist Margaret Evans. Tickets: \$20, call 905-845-5359 or 905-842-3737.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 13

Red Cross First Aid: Did you know your participation may reduce your risk of injury by up to 40 per cent? The Canadian Red Cross makes first aid training easy by offering comprehensive, up-to-date training in Oakville. With the holiday season fast approaching, call 905-845-5241 about holiday gifts such as gift certificates and first aid kits. Next course Dec. 13/14.

Victorian Christmas at Spruce Lane Farm, Bronte Creek Provincial Park, weekends 12 - 4 p.m. Evening Lamplight Tour, Dec. 13, 6:30 - 9 p.m. Park on Burloak north of QEW. Call 905-827-6911 ext. 271.

Visit Santa in Christmastown, Mountsberg, weekends to Dec. 21, 11 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Visit Santa in his country cabin in



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GIFTS FOR SENIORS: Ashley Fuller, 5, gives a wrapped teddy bear to Queens Avenue Retirement Residence client Florence Latulipe last Saturday morning. Sunday School children from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (Mormons) at Dundas Street and Eighth Line presented the gifts and performed seasonal songs. The teddy bears were donated by the church.

the woods at Mountsberg in Campbellville. Take a horse-drawn wagon ride to Santa's cabin, enjoy fresh holiday treats and a hot chocolate by the wood stove. Group reservations available - call 905-854-2276.

Season of the First Frost, Crawford Lake, weekends 10 am - 4 p.m. Scheduled tours of the 15th century Iroquoian Village at Crawford Lake, Milton. Check out the Visitors Centre and enjoy exhibits and displays while you warm up with a hot drink. Explore scenic woodlands as you hike, ski or snowshoe the trails. Weekday facilities are limited, call 905-854-0234.

Changing Seasons in the Country, Mountsberg, weekends 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Watch the late migration of birds and waterfowl from waterfront trails, lookout towers,

and observation blind. Visit the farmyard animals and PlayBarn, and see the elk, bison, and birds of prey on the wildlife walkway. Horse-drawn wagon or sleigh rides on weekends. Weekday facilities are limited, call Mountsberg 905-854-2276.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 14

Tenor Mitch Seekins, harp virtuoso, Sharlene Wallace, flutist Joan Browne, pianist Ruben Vazquez, and organist John Laing will join the **St. Mildred's Junior Choir** in a benefit concert of Christmas music at 3 p.m. at St. Jude's Church, 160 William. Christmas readings will be woven into the musical program. Proceeds support the work of Halton Family Services with vulnerable individuals, couples and families. Light refreshments follow concert. Tickets: \$15 adult, \$5 student, \$10 senior. Tickets can be purchased at St. Jude's 905-844 3972, L'Atelier Grigorian 905-338-2360, and Notes Music 905-845 3141.

Sharlene Wallace, harpist for Oakville Symphony, is guest performer at 10 a.m. Christmas recital prior to service at St. John's United Church, Dunn and Randall.

Christmas at Erchless, 1 - 4 p.m. Listen to the harmonious music of the Oakville Christian School Choir while enjoying home made Christmas sweets, at Oakville Museum at Erchless, 8 Navy, 905-338-4400.

The December Dilemma - Chanukkah and Christmas, a forum to discuss in non-judgmental way, 9:45 - 11:15 a.m., Sunningdale School, 1434 Oxford. Issues include gift giving, participation in holiday celebrations, respecting extended family traditions, letting go of past traditions, needs and concerns of non-Jewish family members. Discussion of interest to interfaith couples. Discussion leaders, Rabbi Paul Sidlofsky and Eva Nielsen. Call Shaarei-Beth El Synagogue, 905-849-6000.

MONDAY DECEMBER 15

Let's Dance, Sir John Colborne Centre for Seniors, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Dancing every Monday evening.

Weekly Walks by the Water along Waterfront Trail with the Bronte Bunch. Group walks every Monday year round for fun, fitness and friendship. Meet at back door of Coach and Four, Lakeshore and Bronte. Walk begins 7:15 p.m. Après walk refreshments. Beginners welcome. Bring

flashlights. Approximately 7K walk, 1.5 hours. Call Sylvia, 905-616-2330.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) weekly Monday meetings, 7 p.m., at St. Aidan's Church, Queen Mary and Stewart. Call Maureen, 905-827-4893 or Kim, 905-338-9059.

TUESDAY DECEMBER 16

Trillium Photographic Club, Digital Evening, 8 p.m., East Plains United Church, 375 Plains E., Burlington. Call Marilyn Chayko, 905-634-7803 ext. 255.

Halton VON Foot Care Clinic, Sir John Colborne Centre for Seniors, Tuesdays 1 - 4 p.m. Cost: \$20. By appointment only. Call 905-815-5960.

Women's Employment Network with Tina Tuner. Unemployed, laid off or returning to the workforce? You are not alone, come meet with other women and hear about employment related topics - true colors, resume and cover letter, job search strategies, dress for success, make-up, hair, dress and interviewing. Ongoing every Tuesday, at 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. To register or for more information, please call The Women's Centre, 905-847-5520.

Help for Parents - Parent Support Group meets weekly, Tuesday evenings. This non-denominational self-support group with trained leaders, helps parents of children who are in trouble at home, at school or with the law, abusive or taking drugs. A member of Association of Parent Support Groups in Ontario (APSGO). To locate group nearest you, Call 1-800-488-5666, or visit www.apsgo.ca.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) weekly Tuesday meetings, 7 p.m., at Walton Memorial United Church, 2489 Lakeshore West in Bronte. Info: 905-827-3399.

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 17

HAPPEN - Linking People and Opportunities networking support group for unemployed business professionals, 8 a.m., in Burlington. Speaker: Dick Cappon, *Six Legs Jazz Club - A Journey to Uncovering Your Best Life*. Members \$5, non-members \$10. Call 905-339-0268 or www.happen.ca.

BULLETIN

Support the Canadian Red Cross, Oakville Branch, Creations Team. Creations is a community action initiative organized and coordinated by Red Cross volunteers who have hand knitted and quilted items for sale. Proceeds from creations are used in developing nations and domestically to promote safety education and self-sufficiency. Call us at 905-845-5241 for more information on excellent hand crafted or first aid and safety gift ideas.

Tetra Society of Ontario is looking for people with technical skills to volunteer their time to help design and build unique assistive devices for people with disabilities. Call 905-332-4759, visit www.tetrasociety.org or e-mail rbaliko@cogeco.ca.

Business Advisory Group, a not-for-profit organization of retired and semi-retired business owners and professionals helping entrepreneurs and businesses with advice in general management and business planning. Meetings Thursday and Friday. Visit www.smallbusinessadvisory.com or call 905-381-1999 or 1-866-663-4234.

Kerr Street Ministries, 484 Kerr at Speers, has clothing available at \$1 a bag (bags provided), the first and third Saturday of each month from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Ontario March of Dimes is looking for volunteers to help fundraise during its January Door-to-Door Campaign. You can help raise the needed funds that provide essential programs and services to people with physical disabilities across the province. Become a canvasser in your neighbourhood for 2 to 3 hours of volunteer time, or a captain, encouraging canvassers and collecting kits. Call 1-800-263-DIME ext. 718, e-mail door-to-door@dimes.on. or visit www.dimes.on.ca.

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Fri., December 12, 2003 - 7:30 p.m.

Proceeds to: The Salvation Army's Halton Lighthouse Project

Tickets: \$12.00 - available at

St. Paul's Church - Tel: 905-845-3427

Open Seating - Recommended minimum age 10 years

Refreshments in Watt Hall following the performance

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