

Business

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HONOURED: The Painters Place Ltd., in Oakville was the recipient of a 10-year achievement award from Benjamin Moore & Co. at the national meeting of the paint manufacturer held in Toronto recently. Brian Palardy, (left) President of Benjamin Moore & Co., Limited, and Mark Hodge, General Manager for the Western Region made the presentation to Tom Marino and Natalie Crittenden of The Painters Place.



Women Who Excel meet May 23rd

The monthly meeting of Women Who Excel, will take place on Tues. May 23rd at The Mandarin Restaurant in Burlington at Fairview Street and Maple Avenue.

Speakers for the event will be Wendy Marlow of The Art of Marketing Inc. She will speak on Businesswomen & Getting New Clients; Denise Sinclair of London Life; Jennifer Tee, print & distribution specialist, Jean Carmichael from Edward Jones; Deborah Parker from Blood-Link and Denise Arkell of Neighbour to Neighbour Centre.

Networking begins at 5:30 p.m. with dinner to follow.

Cost is \$27 (plus GST-\$28.90) for members or \$32 (plus GST-\$34.25) for non-members, if reserved by Fri. May 19th. Beverages are extra. Reservations may be made by cheque, VISA, MasterCard by calling 1-905-547-7135 or 1-800-363-0268.

Notice of Liquor Licence Application



The following establishment has applied to the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario for a liquor licence under the Liquor Licence Act:

Application for a Sale Licence
Fish Bones Oyster Bar & Grille
335 Kerr Street, Oakville

Any resident of the municipality may make written submission as to whether the issuance of the licence is in the public interest having regard to the needs and wishes of the residents. Submissions must be received no later than **June 3, 2000**. Please include your name, address and telephone number. If a petition is submitted to the Commission, please identify the designated contact person.

Note:
The AGCO gives the applicant copies of all objections.

Submissions to be sent to:
Licensing and Registration Department
Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario
20 Dundas St. W, 7th Floor,
Toronto ON M5G 2N6
Fax: (416)326-5555
E-mail at licensing@agco.on.ca

Company helps clients make Child Care Choices

So you've made it through the morning sickness, the labour and the 4 a.m. feedings. Now comes the tough part—deciding what to do about child care.

For many parents, this is a decision fraught with uncertainty, anxiety and guilt. And rightfully so, according to child care consultant Nicole Sutton, owner of *Child Care Choices*.

Sutton, who is an early childhood education specialist and a mother, says choosing a caregiver can be a scary and intimidating experience, and parents need to be aware of all the options available to them.

Child Care Choices is a consulting and research company set up by Sutton to expressly help parents search for and find quality child care from a variety of sources.

Regardless of the route parents ultimately choose—be it a nanny, daycare centre or homecare—Sutton believes children deserve the best possible care their parents can find, while parents deserve the peace of mind of knowing they've achieved that.

Child Care Choices, she stresses, is not affiliated with any agencies, daycares, nursery schools or homecare providers. It is there to assist parents in finding the childcare situation that suits their individual needs.

Her personal background includes a diploma in early childhood education as well as many years working in the field, from being a nanny to teaching french at a Montessori

school, supervising two nursery schools, coordinating after school programs, running her own homecare program, and most importantly, being a mother.

To do that, Sutton's company takes parents through a five-step process, beginning with a simple questionnaire which assesses the family's needs. Step two involves doing research based on those needs, leading to step three where parents are presented with a minimum of three options best suited to their particular child or children. During step four—often the most difficult phase for new parents—clients are assisted in interviewing potential in-home caregivers or visiting potential out-of-home caregivers.

This is where the benefit of experience comes in, according to Sutton. Having personally worked in all corners of the childcare industry, she feels well equipped to help parents evaluate various childcare settings and show them what to avoid.

"I've been interviewed and I've done the interviewing. I've given tours and I've been on tours," adds Sutton. "As an employee, a supervisor, a program coordinator and a mother, I have explored the childcare industry from all angles."

At the completion of the process—step five—clients are offered a general assess-

ment of the interviews or visits in order to help them make a final decision about a caregiver. A subsequent follow-up visit is arranged with the family and the childcare provider to ensure everyone is satisfied.

Parents can expect to pay approximately \$350 for the complete service which breaks down to \$99 for the initial consultation and assessment, \$200 for the research and \$50 for the finder's fee.

Emergency temporary care can also be arranged by Child Care Choices. For a fee of \$185 to the caregivers and a \$50 finder's fee, Sutton will arrange to place your child with a reputable, registered and licenced caregiver. She stresses that this is not meant to take the place of the research process, but it does provide a temporary solution while the client looks for a permanent caregiver.

Anyone wishing further information can contact Child Care Choices in Oakville at 337-7002.

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