

Volunteer Week planning

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Volunteer Week will be from April 22 to 27, 1985.

Plenty of time, you say?

Dave Wilson, however, doesn't agree.

Mr. Wilson took an annual event which has always been somewhat low-key and managed to turn it into a mammoth Volunteer Appreciation Day held at Stoney Creek Arena last spring.

LOT OF PLANNING

"A successful event involving a lot of organizations requires a lot of time and a lot of planning," said Mr. Wilson at one of the committee meetings held earlier this year.

He is obviously following the same philosophy, for he chaired a meeting held at Stoney Creek Library on Oct. 29 to make plans for the Volunteer Appreciation Day to be held next April.

Mr. Wilson quoted some statistics which he had gleaned from a 1979-80 Labor Force Study on volunteer labor by Statistics Canada.

In the year ending February, 1980, 2.7 million Canadians worked as volunteers (15 per cent of the adult population), which resulted in a total of 373,991,000 hours, said Mr. Wilson.

This number of hours would be equivalent to 218,000 people working 40-hour weeks for a full year, he said.

137 HOURS PER PERSON

As the average number of hours worked was 137 per person, if the volunteers had been paid at the average industrial wage they would have earned a total of \$3.5 billion.

Fifty-four per cent of the volunteers were female; 49 per cent of them were male, said Mr. Wilson.

"I want to express my appreciation to all the volunteers for their efforts throughout the past year and for their work on this committee," he said.

"I enjoy seeing people working together to benefit the whole com-

munity. We have a great spirit within our community here in Stoney Creek — and I would like to see it grow larger."

Mr. Wilson, who is also campaign chairman for the Stoney Creek Cancer Society, was reelected chairman of Volunteer Week.

Other members of the executive include Jennie Pyc (vice-chairman and entertainment chairman also representing Opti-Mrs. of Stoney Creek), Edna Miller (secretary), Mary McKenzie (publicity chairman and also representing Stoney Creek Community Information Centre), Derek Humphrey (foods chairman), Vickie Veber (phone committee co-ordinator, also representing Stoney Creek Co-op Preschool), Norm Felker (phone committee coordinator, also representing Stoney Creek Lions Club), treasurer Jan Clark (treasurer, also representing Tough Love).

Other community volunteers present at the meeting included Louise Trafford (Pine Villa Nursing Home), Anne Grant (New Village retirement Home), Betty Jefferson (Erland Lee Home), Neil White (Winona Seniors), Ron Simpson (Stoney Creek Horticultural Society), Rosemary MacLean (Saltfleet Women's Hockey), Bill Harrison (Stoney Creek Scouting), Ann B. Elliott (Stoney Creek Guiding), John Vernon (Legion Battlefield Branch 622), Edna Page, Eva Reid, Ethel Fairhurst, Sid Fairhurst (Historic Chapter O.E.S.), Art Ward (Stoney Creek Stamp Club), Dennis Maguire (Stoney Creek Men's Club) and Joe Rosati (East Hamilton - Stoney Creek Health Association).