

SPRING NEWSLETTER-APRIL - JUNE, 1991

Office Hours: Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00
If you wish to reach the Caseworker in the meantime, please call 645-9846
Please note the new postal code.

Birthday Box: Birthday greetings are extended to those Little Sisters who celebrate their birthdays in April, May and June: Samantha-April 4, Melissa-April 20, Jennifer-April 15; Rhonda-May 14, Trista-June 4, and Julia-June 6.

Promotional Events:

St. Patrick's Day 50-50 Draw: On March 17, 1991 we went live on FM 101 with announcer, John Challis. Elaine Bell, Treasurer and Heather Coupland, Caseworker were present while the President, Janis Medycky, drew the winning ticket. The lucky person was Frank Levay of Kilworthy who won over \$500.00. We wish to thank the Big Sisters, Little Sisters' parents, Directors, their spouses and children and friends who helped us sell so many tickets.

Hot dogs and Hamburgs at the I.G.A, Huntsville on June 30, 1991- In order to raise money and our profile we might be selling hot dogs, etc. at the I.G.A. in Huntsville on June 30, 1991. We will need help to do this. If there are any Big and Little Sisters or others who are able to help in the Huntsville area, please call Heather.

Historical Automobile Society of Canada Inc.-On June 30, 1991 this will be held on the Williamsport Road in Huntsville and we will have a booth there to increase public awareness and hopefully recruit Big Sisters.

Volunteer Training:

April 9, 1991-St. Mary's Separate School Library, 7:30 p.m. Guest Speaker, Gary Handy, Muskoka Family and Children's Services. This is for the Huntsville area Big Sisters and anyone interested in becoming a Big Sister in that vicinity. Please come and bring your friends.

April 16, 1991-B.M.L.S.S. room 205 main floor to the left of office, 7:30 p.m., Sidney Rosenblatt, Muskoka Family and Children's Services, will be the guest speaker for the South Muskoka Big Sisters and those interested in becoming Big Sisters in Bracebridge, Gravenhurst, Muskoka Lakes. The Big Sisters in Lake of Bays South can go to either Huntsville or Bracebridge whichever is convenient.

Past Events:

Swim Party: On Sunday, March 3, 1991 several Big and Little Sisters went to the Huntsville Pool for a very enjoyable afternoon of swimming and lounging in the hot tub followed by a snack at McDonald's. We wish to thank McDonald's of Huntsville for the french fries coupons and McDonald's of Bracebridge for their treat of the month.

Coming Events:

June 1, 1991-we now have the long awaited details on the Regional Picnic to be held at Springwater Park, Midhurst near Barrie. We have hired a bus from Hammond's. Barbara Ryan, a Big Sister from Gravenhurst who is also a licenced bus driver has called to offer to drive the bus for us. The departure times will be Huntsville Community Centre (Arena-Pool)- 8:45 a.m., Bracebridge Centennial Centre, Wellington Street-9:30 a.m., Gravenhurst Centennial Centre (Arena)-9:55 a.m.. We will leave Springwater Park at approximately 3:00 to arrive back in Gravenhurst at 4:00, Bracebridge 4:25 and Huntsville-5:15. Please bring your own lunch. If the Big Sister is unable to attend or if the Little Sister is not yet matched would the parents please see that their child gets to the bus and meet the bus on its return to take the child home. If transportation to the bus is a problem, call Heather who will see what she can arrange. We would like to have a full bus so we hope everyone will plan to attend. We will be going whether it rains or shines as we have paid for the bus.

May 30, 1991-Annual Meeting-B.M.L.S.S. Training Restaurant, 7:30 p.m. The President, Janis Medycky, is resigning because of family and professional commitments. Elaine Bell is the nominating Committee. If you know anyone who is interested in being on the Board of Directors, please have them call the office or write. We need more Directors.

June 15 and 16th-This is the opening weekend for Santa's Village who have offered to give us reduced admission again this year. This is for Big and Little Sisters and their families. The price is \$2.25 plus GST per person. Your identification will be this newsletter with the Caseworker's signature, the Big Sister membership card, or the button you will receive on the bus trip.



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*Big and Little Sisters
Build strong friendships,
Share in a variety of
experiences,
Have fun, learn and grow.*

*Big Sisters support the
Emotional, Physical
and Social well-being
of girls.*

Caseworker's Report: Some Big Sisters have been volunteers for three or more years and have or will receive gold pins: Ruth, Cindy, Bernice, Joanne, Cammie, Eileen and Diana. Ruth Lehman has been matched for three years but helped out on other ways for more than five years and received a plaque in appreciation for her help. Bernice Stieler and Rhonda have been matched for five years in April. Bracebridge parks and Recreation sponsors a Recognition Night on May 14, 1991 at 7:30 p.m. Bernice will be presented with a plaque then. We encourage as many Big and Little Sisters as possible to come and applaud Bernice for her volunteer service. We welcome the new matches-Kelly-Pauline, Chris-Melissa, Carole-Candace, Christel, Natasha, Cindy-Debbie, new Big Sisters-Chris, Kris and Cindy, and new Little Sisters-Candace, Christel, Amber, Trista, Amy, Regan, and Julia.
