

Interval House sheltered 198 people

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The Muskoka Interval House sheltered 86 women and 112 children in the past year, for a total of 2,325 bed days, the Muskoka Women's Advocacy Group learned at its annual general meeting.

Huntsville Mayor Terry Clarke attended the meeting, held May 20 in Huntsville town

hall. The Mayor thanked those present for their interest and concern for Muskoka's abused women, and wished them success.

Speakers were Trudy Don, co-ordinator of the Ontario Association of Interval and Transition Houses, and Marsha Greenfield, program co-

ordinator of the North Bay shelter.

In the past five years, the number of battered women's shelters in northern Ontario has grown from six to 23.

"There are no questions about 'whose fault is it.' If a woman is abused, we take her in," Don said. In 1986, 750,000 women were

battered, she said.

Public school principal John Purdon told the meeting he wants to see a life skills program in place in the schools to teach children non-violent behavior. "If we want to stop it, we have to start by teaching the children," he said.

Chairman Joan Woodcock commend-

ed the efforts of fundraising supporters over the year. A raffle for a seven-kilogram Toblerone bar,

donated by Joan and Bob Hawkes, raised \$649. The monster bar was won by Yvonne Nease, of Beaumaris.

Lease being finalized —

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Interval House pending for Bracebridge

The shelter for battered women will be in Bracebridge.

Negotiations are on-going between the Women's Advocacy group and the owners of a house which is "tentatively" thought to meet the requirements for a shelter.

Conditions for leasing the property are being drawn up now, District Human Services Committee chair-

man Marion White told District Council Monday.

White told reporters she was not prepared to divulge the location of the house pending the finalising of a lease, but, she said, it is in Bracebridge and it is hoped that it will be operational before the end of the summer.

The District is paying \$25,000

towards the first year of operation for the house which will be used as a temporary shelter for women victims of domestic violence.

Joy McCormack, President of the Women's Advocacy Group, said she was hoping the house would be operational as early as August.

"It's needed urgently," she said. "We are fielding calls on an ad-hoc

basis from women who need help. We refer them to North Bay or Barrie interval houses or sometimes we have found them temporary accommodation locally."

Criteria are, she said, that a house must be close to downtown, have a safe yard for children, be fairly secure and have upwards of five bedrooms and two living areas.

Port Carling Lions 30/12/86 celebrate 41st Charter Night

The Port Carling Lions Club celebrated its 41st annual Charter Night at the Sherwood Inn on Saturday, December 6. Following a lovely dinner, guest speaker Lion Sandy Ayles of the Dorset Lions Club spoke of the founding and development of the Dorset Dialysis Camp, a province-wide Lions project.

The Charter Night capped a busy fall for the Port Carling Club. In September, the Club hosted its annual Golf Tournament. In October, the Thanksgiving Dinner drew a large crowd despite a rainy evening. Following these fundraising ventures, the club decided to support the Glen Orchard Women's Institute in its purchase of a nerve stimulator for a local stroke victim. The sponsorship of a foster child in Haiti was re-

newed, and a donation was made to the Glen Orchard Public School students' trip to Quebec City.

Club members will soon begin preparations for the Winter Carnival in early February, its first project in 1987.

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On behalf of Muskoka Interval House I would like to thank you for your kind gift of bed quilt.

This has been greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

The staff & Volunteers
at Muskoka Interval House