

It's volunteer week

Tribute to just five of Acton's volunteers

This week is Volunteer Week in North Halton. April 28 to May 2 is set aside as a week of appreciation for the hundreds of volunteers who make the many community programs possible.

In tribute to all volunteers, Joy Gwilliam of the North Halton Volunteer Centre Steering Committee randomly selected some examples of outstanding citizens who give a lot to the community. Following is a brief outline of the services five Actonians are giving to make this a better community in which to live.

Carol Clark is a housewife with two children and is busy helping her husband in his business. However, she still finds the time to contribute a lot to Acton. Carol used to be a cub leader, knif for the Cancer Society, knif for the Leper Society and served on the Murray Memorial YMCA board, working extensively in the area of programs.

Now a member of the board of the North Halton Social Planning Council, Carol is also on the steering committee for the North Halton volunteer centre. She also knifs for the Menonite Central Committee World Relief Sale held in May in New Hamburg and the Save the Children Craft Sale in Toronto. A Block Parent, she is also active in school work and every Wednesday drives for the Meals on Wheels program.

The First Osprige Brownies, while all residents of Erin Township, are active in Acton volunteer work. Age six



The first Osprige Brownies offer their love towards the Meals on Wheels program. In back is leader Helen Dubeau. Left to right: Lisa Walsma, Michelle Platich, Brenda Stubbington and Kelly Brown.

to nine, the members have been busy for three years now doing crafts and other little favors for special occasions for Acton Meals on Wheels patrons. Under the direction of Helen Dubeau the girls also help deliver Meals on Wheels during school holidays. The Brownies sing regularly for a seniors group in Erin and make scrapbooks for hospitalized children in Guelph.

Catherine McGillivray is another busy homemaker and mother of

three who has found the time for plenty of volunteer work over the past decade.

Catherine is very active with the Acton cancer branch, working on the daffodil campaign and has chaired the service to patients and education programs. She also drives patients to treatment centres.

She is the vice-president now and will assume the top post later of the Acton Scout and Guide Mothers' Association. Mrs. McGillivray has worked in fund raising, catering and assisted in running the organization.

She's a Sunday school teacher, member and past president of a women's group at Trinity United Church and helps organize fund raising efforts like bazaars and the fertilizer sale. Catherine is also an ad hoc member of Trinity's Mission and Outreach

Committee.

In the past she has given her time to delivering Meals on Wheels and working on a parent advisory committee at McKenzie-Smith.

When it comes to knocking on doors for donations Catherine is ready, willing and able. She has canvassed for cancer, the blind, Red Cross, mentally retarded and heart fund.

Brenda Looyenga is only 15-years-old, but spends many hours giving to the community. When there's a blood donor clinic the Toronto and District Christian High School student is on hand to take care of children while parents give blood.

For two years now she's been a volunteer worker at the Acton Lions Indoor Pool assisting instructors in giving lessons to children Saturday mornings. She

takes swimming lessons herself.

Brenda loves working with children and finds volunteering very rewarding. "Volunteering makes you feel good about yourself because you're able to help others."

Herb Dodds has given over two decades of service to his community through sports and the Acton Volunteer Fire-

League. His sports involvement includes minor hockey coaching and managing as well as two years of executive work. Dodds has also coached minor ball and was the founding president of the Acton Industrial Hockey League. A volunteer firefighter for 24 years, Herb chaired the firefighters' muscular dystrophy campaign a couple of times. He was also the original president of the Friends-in-Deed group.



Volunteer centre set for Acton

A volunteer centre is being established in Acton.

The need for a Volunteer Centre in North Halton has been outlined in three studies in which local service agency staff, community volunteers and the general public were questioned. The large majority of those questioned indicated a need for a Volunteer Centre. The results of these studies promoted the recently formed North Halton Social Planning Council to strike a steering committee of six people to work towards establishing a Volunteer Centre in North Halton.

The steering committee first met on March 2 and in the short time since the committee has succeeded in outlining the aims and objectives of the volunteer centre; securing part-

time shared space in Acton, Georgetown and Milton, and helped to promote an all Canada Volunteer Week (April 28-May 2) in "The North".

Members of the committee have attended conferences on volunteering in Halton and Peel, establishing useful contacts and obtaining necessary information on funding, publicity, and the step by step operation of a volunteer centre.

The aims and objectives of the North Halton Volunteer Centre include: promoting volunteering, recruiting volunteers and placing them in appropriate volunteer agencies, and keeping up to date records on community needs for volunteers and community resources.

The committee decided that one central phone number should be avail-

able for all residents of North Halton to use to contact the Volunteer Centre, but that the centre must have space in Acton, Georgetown and Milton where interviewing of interested volunteers and meetings with local agency staff could take place.

Part-time space and the use of a phone has been promised by the Acton Community Service Centre.

The steering committee is currently working out budget proposals, seeking alternative funding sources and volunteer staff and taking all the necessary steps towards establishing the Volunteer Centre as a working reality.

Anyone interested in helping to work towards this goal is asked to call the Acton Community Service Centre (653-3310).

Board, teachers OK contract method

Teachers and Halton's Board of Education will be ready to start contract bargaining by mid-May after adoption of new tough bargaining methods.

Halton Board of Education formally approved recommendations from the Improved Negotiation Process committee Thursday at Burlington. The main teacher groups—Halton Elementary Teachers' Association and the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation—also gave

the package approval. "It's a harder type of bargaining and not necessarily shorter," OSSTF president Ron Ness said.

"Sledge hammer bargaining" was used last year, according to salary committee chairman Bill Herd. Halton has used the adversarial method in previous years.

"I don't believe we could continue with OSSTF as we had last year," said Herd. "It'd be a complete disaster." He also urged the board to give the salary committee a chance.

Education director Em Lavender previously characterized the settling of the environment and relationship as the "most important factor" in the

negotiations process.

Other major points in the new process are the selection of each team of negotiators, training them and supplying them with common information on such topics as salary grids and comparisons.

Herd's comments about the "disaster" were "extremely honest," said Ness.

The board and teachers started searching for new ways of reaching agreements after a high school teachers' strike in Halton was narrowly averted.

Ness went on to say he hopes negotiators will work towards the June 15 deadline set in the improved negotiations process report.



Registering patients at the Breast Examination Clinic on Saturday at Glenlea Clinic are Sharon Caswell and Susan Johnson, members of the El Epsilon Chi Sorority, which sponsored the event, in conjunction with the Acton Branch of the Cancer Society.

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Federation awards educators

The Ontario Public School Men Teachers' Federation presented four Diamond Jubilee Awards to Halton—two of them to Acton.

A posthumous award was received by the family of McKenzie-Smith Middle School principal Gary Dawkins during a dedication ceremony at the school last week.

An award was also given to John Simpson, Mr. Dawkins' successor, for his efforts in education. That presentation was Thursday during Halton Board of Education's regular meeting.

Florence Meares and Education director Em Lavender also received awards.

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