

Employee aid success story

An innovative move by the Halton Board of Education in 1978 has turned into a genuine success story, trustees were told Thursday night.

Halton was the second school board in Ontario to implement an employee assistance program designed to help staff members cope with personal problems, from alcohol and drug addiction to marital and parental difficulties.

Ray Stoness, the board's superintendent of employee services, gave trustees a progress report last week on the counselling provided part-time by teacher Gerry Dunn and additional help provided on a yearly contract basis by Halton Family Services.

About 45 board employees have taken advantage of the program since its inception, Stoness said. Dunn and Family Services director Nancy Brown outlined their respective efforts.

Since he was appointed employee assistance facilitator in 1980, Dunn has visited most Halton schools to address staff and plans to make the rounds again soon, this time with a film about the program being prepared by Sheridan College film students.

Bannockburn WI Celebrates 66 years

On April 10 Bannockburn WI celebrated its 66th birthday.

Sixteen members met at the Royal Cafe at 6.30 p.m. and had a delicious Chinese dinner. Then we went to Mrs. S. Morrison's for the annual business meeting.

The Motto was read by Ruth Linham about "A Life of an Institute Lady." Roll call was answered by each member with the payment of membership fees and "Use the first letter of your name and describe how you feel." Many humorous answers were given.

Our secretary-treasurer's report showed a successful year. New correspondence was read and a donation to cancer fund was made.

Reports for the different committees were handed in to our president Linda Cairns, who thanked us all individually and as a group for our year's work.

The meeting was then turned over to Isobel McDonald who presided over the election of officers. She said that Linda had been such a good president that we would like her to take the office for another year and she accepted. Following is the list of officers for 1984-85:

President Mrs. K. Cairns; First Vice-President Mrs. A. Brooks; Second Vice-President Mrs. T. Hilton; Secretary-Treasurer Mrs. J. Hall; District Director Mrs. Isobel McDonald; Alternate District

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