

Beta Sigma Phi selects new executive

Beta Sigma Phi, a social, cultural and service organization for women, plans the celebration of the 45th Anniversary of its founding. Celebrations will take place in the 24 countries in which the organization's 250,000 members in 12,000 Chapters exist. The organization is not connected with any school or college and is non-political and non-sectarian. The keynote of Beta Sigma Phi is friendship.

Chapters of five different degrees meet the growing needs of various age groups. Members are active in small Chapter groups and each Chapter adapts the plans for social, civic, and service and cultural activities to fit the interest of its members.

When Beta Sigma Phi events or civic endeavors are larger than one Chapter can plan alone, all Chapters in a city or area may combine their strength. There are State Conventions each year which any member may attend.

Internationally the Chapters have created three special funds: The International Loan Fund, through which members help one another; the International Endowment Fund, through which \$1,141,924 has been donated to cancer research, cystic fibrosis, homes for underprivileged children, and many other causes; and the Exemplar Fund, which helps to support Literacy Village in India.

Outstanding projects and

activities of the local Chapters are: Donations of equipment to the Georgetown Hospital, Sunshine School, Multiple Sclerosis Society and some local residents; monetary donations to the Georgetown Hospital, The Cancer Society, Multiple Sclerosis Society for the Mentally Retarded, Big Brothers and certain sums towards sending deprived children to camp.

The Founders Day celebration on May 10, at St. George's Anglican Church marks the 45th Anniversary of the founding. The organization was founded in Abilene, Kansas, by Mr. Walter W. Ross. The Anniversary will be observed by the Chapter here in Georgetown and by all other Chapters around the world.

Pauline Hughes and Lorrie Ryan are serving as co-ordinators of the Founder's Day activities. The toastmistress for the evening will be Pauline Hughes.

Other members taking part in the program are: Kathleen Vickery, president; Debra Best; June Campbell, president, Zeta Alpha; Ruby Garton, Zeta Alpha; Helen Hutchenson, Zeta Alpha; Bev Wheatcroft, president, Zeta Phi; Wendy Warren, Zeta Phi; Diane Tappin, Zeta Phi; Donna Irvine, president, Theta Theta; Joey Poulstrup, Theta Theta.



Jean Horton and Bob Law cast a critical eye on one of the paintings on display last weekend at the Palette and Pencil Club's annual art show held at Centennial School.

Zeta Alpha news

Spring has been a busy and interesting time for the girls of Zeta Alpha. On March 2, Mary Simpson attended a meeting at the home of Ruby Garton and spoke about spiritual energy, body energy, and many forms of mysticism. A lively discussion followed a demonstration by Mary of how we can feel our own body energy and a silver spoon was presented as a token of our appreciation.

Following along our theme of women's heritage, four of the new members, Jackie Vendetti, Pat Soper, Jean Ryan and Krystine Melesko, presented a film on March 16 put out by Recreation Canada entitled "Your Move." This film, depicting the struggle of women to be recognized in the athletic field, was especially appropriate in this our Olympic year.

On the same night elections were held for next year with the following results: president, Sharon Thorn; vice-president, Jerri Stodart; recording secretary, Noreen McElhone; treasurer, Pat Baetz; corresponding secretary, Ginnie Brown and co-ordinating council, Jackie Vendetti and Kren Morris.

On March 27, many members and their husbands enjoyed a night of dining and betting at Mohawk Raceway. Although all agreed the evening was a great success, not all could say the same for their luck with the horses.

On April 2, Zeta Alpha pitched in along with the other chapters in Georgetown to sell daffodils for the Cancer Society. Everyone lent a hand in some way to make this worthwhile endeavour a

success it was. Three days later, at the home of Joan Vincent the girls gathered to say goodbye to Krystine Melesko who is moving to Manitoba. The Ritual of Jewels ceremony was held for her followed by a polluck supper and a social evening. All the chapter extends their best wishes to Krystine in her new home.

On April 20, we accepted an invitation to tour the Georgetown Hospital as our program for the evening. Many were amazed and pleasantly surprised at the changes that have taken place and thank Mr. Fred Morris for giving of his time to take us on a most interesting tour. Following the program a short business meeting took place at the home of Pat Soper where plans were discussed for the upcoming Founders Day on May 1.

LCW petitions the government on numerous issues

Last Friday's meeting of Georgetown's Local Council of Women was a very important one for the group. They met at St. George's Anglican Church to vote on 21 resolutions concerning legal reform. Discussion of the same issues will take place at the May meeting of the Provincial Council of Women of Ontario prior to the presentation of the accepted resolutions at Queen's Park in the fall. Listed are the resolutions accepted at the local level:

1. Women should participate in urban planning projects.
2. Government arbitrators should intervene during labour negotiations when strikes occur in the public service sector.
3. The government should adopt a well-planned, futuristic land use policy.
4. In divorce cases, the government should delete the dam casta clause, which relates fault and worthiness to maintenance, and adopt economic partnership as the basis of financial settlement.
5. The Ontario Pensions Benefit Act should be amended to require that a joint and survivor benefit be the base benefit of all contributor plans, and the benefit paid after one spouse dies should be reduced and paid in the new amount to the surviving spouse.
6. During divorce proceedings, spouses should provide proof of income in the form of cheque stubs, previous income tax papers, etc.
7. The ministry of health should regularly inspect nursing homes, instead of waiting until a complaint is received.
8. Voters at the provincial level, as at the federal level, should have to be Canadian citizens.
9. Bicycle paths should be provided; bicycle safety equipment should be mandatory; bicycles should be registered; parents should be legally responsible for accidents their children (minors) have while riding.
10. The Family Benefits Act should be changed to allow a father bringing up the children alone to collect welfare.
11. French and English should be the only languages taught to children at the elementary school level.
12. Juveniles charged with criminal offences should not be dealt with in the youth court.
13. The Ontario Pensions Benefit Act should be revised to vest the death benefits for employees who work more than 10 years, quit a job after age 45 or die prior to attaining retirement age, so that their estate would fully benefit from past contributions and earnings of the pension fund.
14. Lawyers should be publicly listed in categories of specialization.
15. Government administration buildings should install physical fitness facilities, and those in other institutions should be used by the community.
16. Day hospitals and back-up services should be established.
17. The Oath of Allegiance should not be reworded.
18. Firecrackers should not be retailed but public displays should still be held for the community.
19. Parent-teacher workshops and frequent testing should be encouraged to ensure that students learn English language skills well. The Local Council of Women voted against the following proposals:
20. The selection standards for independent immigrants and their spouses should include their ability to assimilate into the mainstream of society.
21. An anti-litter regulation should be enforced prohibiting election signs.

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Ballinafad news

by Winifred Smith

Ballinafad W. I. went along with Silverwood and Limehouse Branches on Thursday evening to entertain residents of Halton Manor. Those who had birthdays in April were guests of honour. There were over twenty with April Birthdays, but they were not all able to attend.

Mrs. George Ironside from the Silverwood W. I. was M.C. for the program. Ballinafad provided several numbers for the program which included two solos by Paul Schwartz, Mr. Lillie Gwen entertained with three old-time favourites. Mrs. N. Sinclair and Ernie McEnery sang a duet. All got a very favourable reaction from the crowd but the old time music on the fiddles given by Jess and Ernie McEnery assisted by Mrs. Eileen McEnery at the piano really made a bit hit with the Seniors.

Wendy Chaplin granddaughter of Mrs. George Burt of the Silverwood W. I. delighted all with selection on the accordion. To end the program the Ballinafad group led in Community singing which everyone enjoyed.

The three presidents of the W. I. groups assisted in handing out a small gift to each guest.

Three tastefully decorated Birthday cakes were on display. Mrs. Young, one of the oldest residents celebrating an April Birthday, had the honour of cutting the first piece as all joined in singing the Birthday song.

There was an abundance of sandwiches and tarts which were served previously. All topped off the delicious lunch with a piece of Birthday Cake.

The Hockey team wound up the season with a dance at the Community Centre on Friday night.

Some children have come down with the mumps in our community.

Mrs. Lloyd Burt suffered a painful accident while assisting her husband to clean up dead limbs from trees around the home last Wednesday. One good sized one fell down from the tree and struck her on the head. It required three stitches to close the wound.

Reverend and Mrs. Ralph Mann of Hanover spent some time Saturday visiting her grandparents Mr. and Mrs. F. Smith.

Carol Garton of Pembroke spent part of the long Easter Holiday weekend with her Grandmother Mrs. A. McEnery and her uncle, at the farm.

What a difference a week has made with our weather. Snow boots and winter coats had to be got out again. There were many power interruptions on Sunday in our area. Hopefully the warm weather will return shortly.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Longstreet former residents of Ballinafad who celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on Saturday. Neighbours, friends and relatives gathered at the home



BARGAIN HUNTERS weren't deterred from attending the snook auction at Ballinafad Community Hall during the snowstorm Sunday. Auctioneer Wayne Tucker had over 100 people crowded into the hall, which had been without power for about five hours, bidding for bits of Canadiana.

of Mr. and Mrs. Buckland, daughter and son-in-law of the Longstreets for a surprise party. Their other daughter and little grandchild were present from B. C.

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THE CORPORATION OF
THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS
BY-LAW NO. 76-24

A by-law to stop up and convey to the abutting owner part of River Drive, in the Town of Halton Hills, in the Regional Municipality of Halton (formerly in the Town of Georgetown)

WHEREAS Council for this Corporation proposes to stop up and close part of the street known as River Drive in the Town of Halton Hills (Georgetown);

AND WHEREAS the part of River Drive to be stopped up and closed is shown on a plan of survey prepared by Cliphsham Moreton Ltd. of Part of the West Half of Lot 18, Concession 10 for the Town of Halton Hills (formerly in the Township of Esquesing), a copy of which is annexed as Schedule "A" to this by-law;

AND WHEREAS Council for this Corporation has instructed the Clerk Administrator to publish notice of Council's intention to stop up, close and convey that part of River Drive shown as Part 3 on the plan of survey annexed as Schedule "A" to this by-law to the abutting owner in accordance with the provision of The Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1970, c. 284, as amended;

NOW, THEREFORE, COUNCIL FOR THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. That part of the street in the Town of Halton Hills (Georgetown) known as River Drive and shown as Part 3 on the plan of survey attached to this by-law as Schedule "A" be and the same is hereby closed and stopped up.
2. Notice of the intention of Council for this Corporation to pass this by-law is to be published once a week for four consecutive weeks in the Georgetown Herald and in the independent and Council for this Corporation shall hear any objections to the proposed closing and conveying of the said part of River Drive to the abutting owner at its regular meeting on the 17th day of May, 1976 or so soon thereafter as is possible, and if there are no valid objections to the proposed closing at such meeting Council shall give third and final reading to this by-law.

BY-LAW read a first and second time this 5th day of April 1976.

Thos. J. Hill
Mayor
G. R. Pritchard,
Clerk Administrator

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