

Letters to the Editor

Local Contact Centre seeks volunteers

To the editor of The Herald:
Many people have cause to be grateful to the North Halton Contact Centre either calling in for help, or for the knowledge gained through helping to man the telephones.

The Centre now handles over 700 calls a month, not only from the Halton area, but from

Toronto and farther afield. Centres nearest to these callers may not be open 24 hours a day as we are. Many calls are information calls, some are from people who have the need to have a chat fairly regularly and others are of a more serious crisis nature.

Each one of us who helps at the Centre is an unpaid volunteer willing to give up a few hours each month. Some centres do have paid Directors, but we are not one of these. The only paid assistance we have had has been the invaluable help of a summer student for three months to update our information cards. This assistance in the past has been funded by a Government grant; unfortunately this has been refused this year and so the task of updating these information records will fall on the volunteers unless we can

obtain other funding.

At the moment we are funded entirely locally from a town of Halton Hills grant, and donations from local organizations and individuals.

We would be grateful for your help in two ways, financially or by becoming a volunteer. We have training courses for new volunteers. I myself have found these very helpful, as well as talks given to the Centre by people with expertise in their own fields.

All the calls are confidential, as we are anxious to help with problems and difficulties, and to do this it is not necessary to know who the caller is. If in trouble call us on 877-1211.

We will be very pleased to hear from prospective volunteers, just call the Centre on 877-1211. Any donations will gratefully receive. P.O. Box 85, Georgetown.
Yours faithfully,
Publicity Convener,
North Halton Contact Centre.



WATCH WINNER

Diane King presented a Ronald McDonald watch to Lori Haskins, the winner of the McDonald's coloring contest for the month of April. (Herald photo)

Thinking of Trilliums

"A thought for the editor"
If you think of someone whom you deeply miss today. Then think of a certain trillium. For this is the month of May. Think of a bird that does not fly. Think of the various type of Trilliums soon to pass by. Enjoy their everlasting beauty. Now or you'll always regret Seeking and not finding.
H.T. Mullins,
R.H.S.,
Georgetown

YMCA wants in on proposed cultural centre

The following letter has been sent to Halton Hills council.

Dear Mayor Pomeroy and Members of Council,

We are enthused about the plan for a Cultural Centre and appreciate the possibilities it offers the town. However, we are disappointed that the Georgetown YMCA-YWCA has not been included in the concept.

In this community we serve rural and urban citizens from the pre-schooler to the Senior Citizen. Our membership consists of 600 families. We feel we are in a period of growth, with a desire to expand our services, especially to Teens and Seniors.
A Y office and meeting room

in this downtown Centre would put an end to the oft asked question, "But where is the Y?" We are proud of our ability to meet community needs quickly and effectively. To do this we need access to the pulse of our town - and being where the action is going to be is vital to us.

As our staff presently coordinates facilities and initiates programmes, we could provide this service for the theatre and gallery.

We ask that you consider the Y as a willing tenant. We are most anxious to continue talking with you in these planning stages.

Yours sincerely,
Cheryl Lightowers, (Mrs.),
President.

Ramautarsingh wins award

A Diamond Jubilee Award was awarded to Tom Ramautarsingh by the 36,000 Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation. The Federation is honouring outstanding citizens or Associations of the Media in the province that have given or exhibited "distinguished service to Education and Community" on its 60th Anniversary.

Mr. Ramautarsingh has contributed to various levels and in many fields of education. At Wilfrid Laurier University he was editor of the Literary Magazine, Freshman President, Chairman of the Honor Awards Committee and President of the U.N. Club. While at university he won an Atkinson Award, an I.O.D.E. Award, Council of Friendship Award and an Honour Award from the

University. He served as branch president of Acton, Erin, Georgetown and Milton High Schools for two years. He was vice president of North Halton and Peel County teachers, as well as Professional Development Chairman. He also served as president of the Halton Secondary School Teachers' Federation for two years.

Mr. Ramautarsingh served on many provincial committees of the 36,000 Secondary School Teachers' Federation and the 103,000 Ontario Teachers' Federation. He was presented with the Award of Merit in 1973 (highest award for a practising teacher) and the S.G.B. Robinson Award for outstanding service to education.

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