



The eight Georgetown Optimist Club members who are headed for Georgetown, Indiana, can expect a warm reception from their American counterparts next week. Heading south for the Optimist pow-wow are Dan Scarborough, Harvey Clare, John Grabowski, Richard Berghammer, Jim Ferguson, Pat Daley, Tom Madsen and Clarence Baker.

(Herald photo)

Southbound Optimists await warm reception

A busy agenda of activities in both Indiana and Kentucky awaits the eight Georgetown Optimists who are leaving Friday for a "hands-across-the-border" pow-wow with fellow Optimists in Georgetown, Indiana.

Following an early Friday morning breakfast at a local restaurant, Dan Scarborough, Harvey Clare, John Grabowski, Richard Berghammer, Jim Ferguson, Pat Daley, Tom Madsen and Clarence Baker will be off to the midwestern U.S. state to meet the 24-member Georgetown club, which is planning a big reception.

Saturday's activities include a club banquet near Louisville, Kentucky, and probable meetings with Canada's former Iranian ambassador Ken Taylor, and Optimist district governor Ray Wright. Sunday and Monday of next week, the local members will help their Indiana counterparts prepare and run a horse

show that is expected to draw some 12,000 people. The group returns Tuesday.

Formed nine years ago, the local Optimists chapter has been described by members as the fastest-growing organization in Georgetown; two years ago, it was designated an Honor Club by Optimists International and this year was named a Distinction Club.

Current and recent Optimist activities on the local scene

include help in the preparation of the Market Street site for Halton Hills' new library-cultural centre, the annual Bang-o-rama celebration, Respect for Law Week, the annual bicycle rodeo, a province-wide oratorical competition, the sponsorship of local hockey and baseball teams and a youth golf tournament and assistance in local boy scout, Lorne Scot, Red Cross and Heart Fund campaigns.

Big demand for 'friends'

Seek civilian probation officers

The Elizabeth Fry Society is looking for volunteers in Georgetown to act as civilian probation officers with probationers in this area.

Pat Haslett, who works in the society's Milton office, says the society has had volunteers apply from Milton and Acton, but needs six or seven people from Georgetown.

Volunteer probation officers would work with specially selected probationers, just as a

government probation officer would do.

"The probation officers pick someone from their caseload who needs more community involvement, who would benefit from less of a government office atmosphere," Ms. Haslett said. "The probation officer meets the probationer in his office when he reports in, they discuss any problems he or she is having and that's it. A volunteer probation officer can be more of a friend."

The Elizabeth Fry Society recruits and trains volunteers, and acts as a liaison with the probation officers.

The Elizabeth Fry Society was formed by the lady after whom it was named in England, after she visited a prison and was appalled by conditions there. The society opened a branch for the Peel-Halton area in 1969 to help the Vanier Centre for Women.

In 1980, a contract with the Ministry of Correctional Services led to the opening of an office in Milton to provide better access to the Milton courts and improved service in North Halton.

The society performs two main functions in North Halton, Ms. Haslett said. It is organizing the volunteer probation officer program, and also providing liaison for offenders sentenced to a period

of community service with the organizations which these offenders work for.

Ms. Haslett said she is concerned that if there aren't volunteers from the Georgetown area to work with probationers in Georgetown, volunteers from other areas will have to be asked to travel to Georgetown.

BIG BROTHER
The probationers are mainly men, with a small percentage of women, and of all ages, although they are primarily in their late teens and early twenties.

Although the relationship is much like that of a Big Brother or Big Sister, there is a difference in that the volunteer probation officer has a legal responsibility for the probationer, Ms. Haslett said. There may be restrictions on the probation order which set a

curfew, or state that the probationer must live with his parents, or prohibit drinking.

Should the volunteer probation officer be made aware that these conditions are being violated, this must be reported. The volunteer probation officer must file a written report once a month.

"We want somebody mature enough to accept that responsibility," Ms. Haslett said. Anyone interested in

volunteering to work as a probation officer can contact Ms. Haslett at the society office in Milton at 878-8750. The society is also holding a general meeting in Brampton at Grace United Church, located at the corner of Main and Church streets. The meeting, which begins at 7:30 p.m., will include a movie on teenage delinquency and explanations by the staff of the programs operated by the society.

Red Cross needs help

The Red Cross is in need of nurses and first-aiders (volunteers) to work with the Emergency Response teams in shelters, etc., in times of major disasters. If necessary, those volunteers are also asked to assist with the donors in the rest area of the Blood Donor Clinics. Phone 877-5233 during office hours Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9 to 12 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m. or 877-5628 and 877-2526.

Honored donors

The local chapter of the Red Cross has honored a number of donors who attended the recent, highly successful clinic at Holy Cross Church in Georgetown. Honored for making his 75th donation was J.M. Ford, while R.C. Collett made his 50th donation. Mrs. H.A. Hammer and Mrs. E.M. Thompson made their 35th donations and 20th donations were registered by Mrs. T.G. Burgoyne, Mrs. C. Sieban, H. Rodenburgh, R.D. Hisehan, S. Miedema, Mrs. L. Monks, Mrs. J. Jartlechio, S.W. Clark, Mrs. P.D. Robinson. Making their 10th donations were L.M. Siddall, J.C. Grace, G.A. Manson, Miss T.J. Callaghan, Miss M. Drischler and Miss J.C. Johnson.

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All students will then report to the rooms indicated on the various notice boards, at 9:30 a.m. At that time, registration procedures will commence. A full day's timetable will then be followed. Dismissal will take place at 3:15 p.m.

Most students will find their names on appropriate class lists, which will be posted in the foyer, or in the corridor near the cafeteria. Students whose names are not listed should report to the Student Services office.

Students having questions concerning registration or courses are invited to contact the school office any day (Monday to Friday) between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. up to Wednesday, August 27.

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