

Concerns of single mothers topic for CWL discussion



THANKS FOR YOUR LOVE

The Fifth Georgetown Cub pack got another big thank you Feb. 17 from organizer Tom Ramamatsingh (right) for doing their bit during the "I Love Georgetown" campaign last year. Mr. Ramamatsingh presented the boys and their leader with a certificate on behalf of the campaign sponsors, the Chamber of Commerce and the Area Ratepayers Association. The presentation took place at the pack's annual family banquet at Holy Cross Church.

By BRENDA AUCOTT
Herald Special
The February meeting of the Catholic Women's League was held in the rectory basement preceded by Mass celebrated by Father Dave Cote at Holy Cross Church.
The minutes of the last meeting were read by secretary Mary Lou McDougall together with a number of thank-you letters.
Members were urged to attend the World Day of Prayer Service to be held March 5, at St. Andrew's United Church on Mountainview Road South at 2 p.m.
Mary Tucker introduced our guest speaker, Therese Cleary, program director of a recently established pilot project called Independent Mothers Place (IMP) helping young single mothers and their babies and pre-school children.
The program is operated from a house on Hurontario Street in Mississauga and rented from the city. It's funded through the provincial Ministry of Community and

Social Services and sponsored by the Peel Children's Aid Society. The focus of the program is centred around parent education, using the staff and volunteers as role models.
The atmosphere of the home projects warmth and friendliness, said Therese and the young mothers and their babies can drop in at anytime between noon and 4 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. This gives the girls an opportunity to meet people in similar situations and talk and share experiences. When visiting the house, no referrals are necessary, attendance is voluntary and there is no charge for the service. Staff is readily available to provide assistance, if needed.
Many of these single mothers are lonely, tired and frustrated trying to raise a child alone. In many cases they have been rejected by their families.
A nursery with cribs and beds is provided for the babies and a playroom for the older children which is supervised by a trained early childhood education graduate.
There is also a fully equipped kitchen where the girls can cook and a craft room where they can sew. This enables the young mothers to spend their time constructively while visiting the house.
Therese, who originally worked for the Elizabeth Fry

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At the second quarter Board meeting of the Eastern Ontario District of Optimist International, held at the Red Oak Inn at Peterborough Feb. 13, our past secretary-treasurer, Optimist John Horning, was awarded the Distinguished and Outstanding Secretary-Treasurer Award. Congratulations, John. This is the sixth year running you have obtained this award—six out of six; not bad! And a hell of a challenge for anyone to follow.
It's with dedicated members like this that the Optimist Club of Georgetown was able to be first in Eastern Ontario and fifth in all Ontario. Other awards won by Georgetown, are Past President Stan Nolan Honor President; Honor Club and Top Club Zone 6.
While no one joins the club to pile up a bunch of awards, but rather to service the community, extra efforts are recognized and awards are a way to measure the efforts of a service club in a community and the real winners are the people and more specifically the kids of Georgetown. Keep up the good efforts, fellow Optimists.
Already a half dozen or more members have qualified for the Optimist International Presidents Awards called "Spirit of Service". I'm sure that President Bruce will be sending for these.
Tonight (Wednesday) there is a Bang-o-rama committee meeting at Optimist Jim Ferguson's house. All Optimists who have any ideas on how to expand this affair are invited to come out. This year it is on May 24 so, fellow Optimists, no one leaves town on Victoria Day, you are needed at the Fairgrounds.
Bang-o-rama chairman Optimist Norm Guthrie or his assistant Optimist Vice-President John Kesteloot will contact you shortly for your commitment. Please co-operate

and remember you are part of the best club of Eastern Ontario, but we are only best by a part of a percentage point, we want to stay there.
Let's show the people of Georgetown why we are number one.
Don't forget the Opti-Mrs. Euchre Party Mar. 5 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Andrew's church, Mountainview Rd., and their Spring Dance at St. George's April 3. They deserve our support, they are some of the best gals in town. Remember you married one of them.
March 1 - board meeting, March 3 - Anti-drug committee meeting in Ajax; all are welcome, March 5 - zone meeting in Erin, March 6 - Pass, Dribble and Shoot, 10 a.m. at Holy Cross, March 9 - dinner meeting and Ladies night featuring the oratorical competition on the topic "You and Tomorrow", March 17 - Bang-o-rama meeting at Optimist John's house.

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'Honest Thief'

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film, like most of the remaining characters, simply shrugs and Murphy and Lange swim off, fully clothed, into the sunset. Yes, it's that bad.
There were pockets of laughter and gasps of disbelief in the Bloor Cinema audience throughout Tuesday's screening. Georgetowners were definitely in the minority, but several minor cast and crew members could be heard finding their own private amusement in the movie. It's apparent that if you weren't directly involved in the film's production (or don't live in Georgetown), there is nothing it has to offer.
Herald staffers surmised before the screening that it might become a television movie if theatre release was ruled out, but this reviewer advises you not to get your hopes up even for that. Call it "Hilton's Gate" or "Magder's Folly", but "Honest Thief" cannot possibly live up to its promise to Georgetowners. It finally gave us the time and footage which "Equus" and "Running" denied us, but the finished product wouldn't hold Zale Magder's mother's attention.

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