

## St. Francis celebrates playground opening



It was a long hard road to travel, but students at the St. Francis of Assisi Separate School saw the final result of their fund-raising efforts Wednesday morning.

A new playground apparatus was officially opened when parent-volunteer Lynn Morey was asked to cut the ribbon for the playground equipment in front of a school assembly.

Principal Rita Mulder explained that Mrs. Morey came to her about a playground and they started a committee to raise funds.

The students of St. Francis raised \$3,500 selling spices while service groups such as the Knights of Columbus, the Rotary and Rotary-Anns, the Kiwanis and the Holy Cross Catholic Women's League also donated funds.

A Rotary Skate-A-Thon raised \$1,000 towards the total \$6,500 cost of the playground. The Halton Hills recreation department donated the labor towards the project, and thus the playground will belong to the town.

At the opening ceremony were Sue Heslop (Rotary-Anns), Rex Heslop, (Rotary), Mr. Wepruk (Knights of Columbus), Pat Fuller (Holy Cross C.W.L.), Grant Isaac (Kiwanis), Tom Shepard and Joy Williams (recreation department), Mrs. Irene McCauley (Separate School trustee) and Mr. Plovean (Area Superintendent).

## Letters to the Editor

### Toastmasters remove your stumbling blocks

To the editor of The Herald:

Fear of public speaking is the number one stumbling block to success for many men and women. And that's where Toastmasters International can really make a difference.

A Toastmasters Club has been established in Halton Hills for the benefit of the whole community, and will provide us all with an ongoing opportunity for personal development. Our program meets self-development needs of weak, average and strong communicators due to its self-paced, multi-faceted format.

Toastmasters International has been helping its members develop and refine their communication

abilities, self confidence, and capacity to lead, painlessly, in a friendly atmosphere for over fifty-five years. Members learn through an environment of peer group support. The educational program is planned and proved.

This non-profit organization offers benefits in the following areas:

- ..Verbal skills development in a variety of settings;
- ..Leadership skills through committee and officer assignments;
- ..How to organize thoughts and programs;
- ..How to conduct more effective meetings;
- ..How to make better technical and or formal presentations;
- ..Listening skills;

..Thinking and speaking on your feet;

..Providing constructive feedback;

..Time management;

..Rational analysis and persuasion skills.

Cost, including training manuals, is about two dollars (2) per week. Meetings are held weekly on Mondays at 8 p.m. in Glen Williams Town Hall.

We're sure there is someone in your organization who could benefit from this experience. This is an invitation to everyone in your organization to visit a meeting of our club as our guest and see how Toastmasters works and how it can help.

Yours truly,  
J.R. Walker,  
President

## St. John's UWC

### Travels for a year

The ladies of St. John's United Church held their Easter Thankoffering meeting in St. John's Hall, Monday April 18.

After a fellowship hour over dessert and coffee, Unit G conducted the worship service. Those taking part were Shirley Gray, Mary Carpenter, Shirley Coughlan, and Marguerite French.

Mrs. Cynthia Greene spoke briefly concerning the Cancer Clinic to be held at the Medical Centre, Saturday May 14 from 12 noon to 7 p.m.

Bernice Nichols introduced our guest speaker, Mrs. Mary McEwen, who, with her husband and two young daughters, took a year off their regular schedule to travel around the world.

She condensed the story of their adventures into a mere 45 minute presentation. With the help of slides, we travelled with her to the Fiji Islands,

Australia, where they spent four months, New Zealand, Indonesia, Singapore, Malasia, India, Nepal, Egypt, Greece, Italy, Switzerland, W. Germany, The Netherlands, England, Scotland, Iceland, and back to Canada.

A short business meeting followed, conducted by president, Ruth Kelly.

Doreen Densmore reminded us of the Spring Fair to be held at St. John's, Saturday May 7, commencing at 10 a.m. There will be a yard sale, silent auction, bake sale and a light lunch served. It was decided to donate \$130 toward the financing of volunteers to be trained for Hospice, the Palliative Care program.

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Georgetown Leos

## Club thanks sponsors for bowl-a-thon

By KIM LACEY  
 Herald Special

The members of the Georgetown Leo Club would like to thank all those who sponsored and supported them in their Bowl-a-thon, especially the Georgetown Bowling Alley for providing free games for the top four bowlers.

The Leos will donate a cheque for three hundred dollars to Meals-on-Wheels. The Leos also held a Plant and Bake Sale at the Georgetown Lions Hall and were able to raise \$63.85.

In order to help out the Lions during the Bantam Hockey Tournament members of the Leo Club worked two hour shifts selling admission tickets, and they also helped the Lionesses who provided lunches for the hockey players.

There are still many plans for future projects such as a car wash and the Journey For Sight, and the Leos hope that the people of Georgetown will support them in their efforts to help our community.

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