

# Volunteer Week:

## When firefighters finish Acton couple helps homeless

By DAVE ROWNEY  
Herald Staff

What did it take for Frits de Hann to become an Acton Red Cross volunteer?

Henry Kroes, the past-president of the Acton branch twisted his arm, said Mr. de Hann grinning.

Mr. Kroes wanted to start an Acton Branch and he needed a bookkeeper, Mr. de Hann remembers.

"I started in 1981 (when Acton got their charter) as a treasurer and after that I was vice-chairman of emergency response until last year."

Mr. de Hann is now president of the branch and is serving his second term.

He began working as a volunteer Red Cross worker in 1979 giving blood at clinics and helping to canvass.

"Foremost in your mind is trying to help those with difficulty," he said.

Along with his wife Mary who has been an active Red Cross helper, the couple feel there are rewards to be gained from their volunteer work.

"We figured we had some free time and we wanted to help as much as we could," Mr. de Hann said.

"It gives you a great feeling if someone's had a fire and you can help them out with bedding and clothing," Mr. de Hann said.

One of the Red Cross functions is to aid the homeless when there is a fire. During the actual fire, volunteers from the Red Cross along with the Salvation Army provide support to the firefighters and victims.

For example, two years ago when a fire raged on in downtown Acton the Red Cross provided coffee and the Salvation Army had snacks available.

"Sometimes we get calls if after the fire there's a need for lodging or blankets," he said. Always in need of more volunteers to lessen the workload, the Acton Red Cross is active with a variety of projects and services.

They supply a loan cupboard for medical supplies such as wheelchairs, crutches and other equipment.

Through the winter season a euchre is run for the seniors. Mr. de Hann admits that not much money is made, but it provides a service to the community.

An executive member probably puts in about 10-15 hours per month helping the organization while as president Mr. de Hann figures he spends about 3-4 hours per week on his duties.

"The only satisfaction is you know you've helped other people and that's that," he said.



Frits de Hann and his wife Mary have a long record of volunteerism serving the Acton community with the Red Cross. They're always looking for new helpers, so if you want to join up, give the Acton Red Cross a call.

(Herald photo)

As well as Red Cross volunteers, the de Hann family have been involved with the Independent Order of Foresters in Milton for the past 20 years.

The I.O.F., an insurance company, have volunteers who help members who need assistance after major emergencies and fund-raising events are held.

Born in Holland in 1929, Mr. de Hann moved to Canada late in his teens and met his wife in Fenelon Falls.

In his career Mr. de Hann has picked tobacco, worked in a steel plant, been an employee for a feed company and a co-owner of a farm.

He sold their farm in Ospringe in 1963 and came to Acton. Since 1980 he has worked for Indusmin Aggregates just south of Acton.

By KELLY WILSON  
Herald Special

Karen Ferguson has learned a lot about living since she helped found the North Halton Hospice four years ago.

The North Halton Hospice is a community volunteer service which provides support for the terminally ill and their families.

Mrs. Ferguson saw the need for such an organization as a nurse in a general hospital. "I could see that this was a stressful time for patients and their families," she said.

The professional staff didn't have as much time to listen to patients and their families as was needed, according to Mrs. Ferguson.

Mrs. Ferguson investigated the hospice at the Royal Victoria Hospital in Montreal and asked herself "how could we as a community offer some of those supports?"

Mrs. Ferguson finds volunteering for the hospice very rewarding, stating that "It's a privilege being able to support these patients and families. You can

learn a lot about living from the dying." The patients and families appreciate the support we give, she said.

Mrs. Ferguson has lived in Halton Hills for the last 14 years with her husband and two daughters.

The North Halton Hospice makes sure that the patient and family are aware of other support available in the community, assists them in obtaining other support, does practical things for the family such as baby-sitting and tries to edu-

cate the public on life threatening diseases.

One of the most important functions of the volunteer is that of being a listener for the patient and his family. Volunteers are available 24 hours a day to listen to problems and to help the patient and family express their feelings.

The Hospice helps both patients at home and in the hospital. Patients are referred to the service by their families, doctor or other health care professionals.

## Young at heart with toy library

By KELLY WILSON  
Herald Special

If liking toys means you haven't grown up yet then Audrey Hillman is still a youngster, at least at heart.

Mrs. Hillman, one of the founders of the Halton Hills Toy Library has always been interested in toys. "Maybe I haven't grown up yet," she said when describing her fascination with toys.

Mrs. Hillman says she gets satisfaction from seeing something which started as nothing develop into a smooth running organization. "I like to organize things," she said.

Mrs. Hillman along with her husband and children is a 12 year resident of Halton Hills.

As well as volunteering for the toy library, Mrs. Hillman volunteers for the North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded and is the superintendent of Sunday School at St. John's United Church.

The four year old toy library lends high quality, educational toys to both handicapped and non-handicapped children.

The library located at George Kennedy Public School has 475 toys which it lends out to its 83 members. There is a waiting list for membership, but there is always openings for children for special needs. The greatest number of vacancies are in September.

The toy library which serves children from up to 7 years old, and handicapped children up to 12 years old is open during the school year except on holidays.

The hours are Tuesday from 3:45 to 5 p.m., Wednesday from 9:30 to 11:15 a.m. and Thursday from 7 to 8 p.m. The membership fee is \$10 for one child and \$15 for a family membership.

Volunteering at the toy library is a co-operative effort with all volunteers helping out when they can in fundraising, mending the toys and as librarians. The volunteers work every other week on a five month schedule.



AUDREY HILLMAN

## Halton CAS honors their volunteer help

By DAVE ROWNEY  
Herald Staff

Halton Children's Aid Society won't be forgetting the efforts of their volunteers.

April 18 is a date set aside to honor some of their 150 volunteers who have completed around 3,000 assignments.

Volunteers were the original organizers behind the agency fund raising, public relations and co-ordination of volunteers long before staff were even hired.

1985 marks 15 years of volunteerism for the Halton C.A.S.

Today there are a wide variety of jobs that volunteers do. They drive clients to and from appointments, lead Mothers' and Children's support groups; work as case aides to befriend families in need, committee work and much more.



BARBARA COCKS

A dinner to honor Halton C.A.S. volunteers is being held at the Indian Wells Golf Club in Burlington at 8 p.m. For more information call 878-2375.

One of the volunteers being honored at the dinner from Halton Hills is Barbara Cocks for her 15 year service.

Barbara was active as a volunteer in the Georgetown community when the Children's Aid Society was looking for support in establishing a volunteer auxiliary.

She was an active member of the steering committee and served on the first executive as corresponding secretary of the Halton C.A.S. volunteer auxiliary that was created in 1971.

Mrs. Cocks and her husband became involved in a unique project in 1977 utilizing adoptive parents to homestudy couples also interesting in adopting. They provided support and direction during and after placement of the child.

Over the years, she and her husband Bert have placed 12 children including several children with special needs.

If you are interested in our volunteer program or if you would like more information, please do not hesitate to call our volunteer co-ordinator, Larena Smith at 878-4141.

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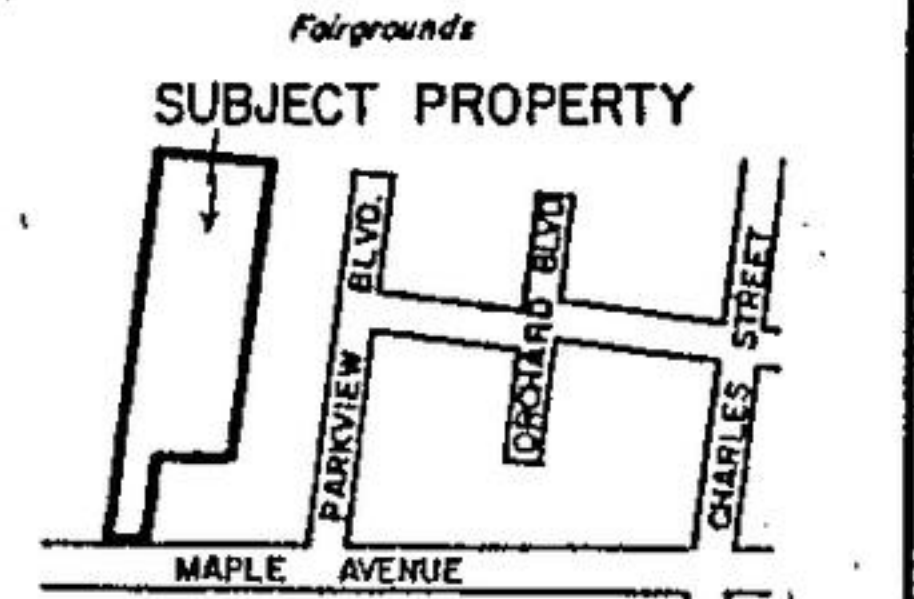
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The subject property comprises 1.34 hectares (3.3 acres) and is located on lands described as part of Lot 18, Concession 8, Town of Halton Hills (Georgetown). The applicant proposed to subdivide the land for the purpose of 17 single-family residential lots.

Further information is available at the Planning Department.  
ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS ARE WELCOME  
Time: 7:00 p.m.  
Date: Tuesday, May 21, 1985  
Place: Municipal Administration Building  
Trafalgar Road (7th Line)  
Town of Halton Hills  
Bruce D. MacLean, M.C.I.P.  
Deputy Planning Director

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