



VOLUNTEERING: A Great Way To Grow

Sophie's Choice

... is to help
the Red Cross

By ROBIN BAKEWELL
Herald Staff

With seven years volunteer service in the Georgetown Red Cross Sophie Eckroth says some people don't realize what the Red Cross does in the community.

Mrs. Eckroth explains the Red Cross is involved in emergency responses, blood donor clinics,



SOPHIE ECKROTH supplying sick-room equipment, water safety programs, first aid instruction and fun and fitness classes for seniors.

With 1,500 Red Cross volunteers in Halton Mrs. Eckroth has helped assemble the kits the canvassers use during campaign for funds month in March of every year.

Office work, logging time cards, taking care of mailing duties and her

main volunteer work of driving keep Mrs. Eckroth busy with the Red Cross.

Most of the driving Mrs. Eckroth does is for the elderly and involves doctors' appointments, although people without cars or unable to afford taxis are also helped with transportation.

She calls the ActiVan service, which has been in operation for about two years, "quite a blessing" having been able to relieve some of the volume of needy she encounters.

Mrs. Eckroth was previously driving for the Children's Aid Society before joining the Red Cross.

She said the little children were too easy to become attached to and thus switched to the Georgetown Red Cross.

In reply to how much time she spends active with the Red Cross, Mrs. Eckroth said "I don't know but I've put in a lot of hours."

Mrs. Eckroth said not only does the Red Cross give her something interesting to do but provides a great deal of enjoyment in being able to help others.

"It's a very satisfying feeling," the Georgetown resident said.

Smiling faces greet 'Meals on Wheels'

By KELLY WILSON
Herald Special

When Peggy Shuttleworth moved to Halton Hills she thought volunteering for Meals on Wheels would be a good way to get to know the town and meet new people. Now four years later she is the coordinator of Meals on Wheels.

"I find it very rewarding to see the delight on the people's faces when we bring the meals," said Mrs. Shuttleworth, who has acted as the co-ordinator for the last twelve months.

Mrs. Shuttleworth, a mother of two, also volunteers at her children's school libraries.

Meals on Wheels has 50 volunteers. Five volun-



PEGGY SHUTTLEWORTH

teers are needed a day to pick up and deliver the meals. The service offers a full dinner of soup, crackers, bread, a main course including vegetables and dessert at lunchtime for \$2 per meal.

Meals are delivered Monday to Friday

including all holidays except Christmas day.

The service caters mostly to senior citizens who either can't get out to buy food or can't prepare meals for themselves.

Currently the service is delivering about 20 to 25 meals a day. If the need for meals increases the service would have to increase the number of volunteers by 50 per cent to create a third route to compliment the present two, according to Mrs. Shuttleworth.

New volunteers are welcomed. In the summer many of the volunteers go on holiday and more are required to keep the service going. For further information call 877-2785

Recreation Department thanks their numerous volunteers

Herald Special

The Halton Hills Recreation and Parks Department wishes to thank the following people who volunteered their time to assist in a number of community programs during the past year.

In November of 1984 a Christmas Travelcraft program ran in cooperation with the Credit Valley Artisans and the Recreation and Parks Department. This program was designed for individuals who required special assist-

ance in the creation of a craft.

The following people assisted in organizing and planning this very successful afternoon: Edith Hackett, Jette Vandermieden, Albert Dewdney.

Also a very special thanks to Rosemary Oliver who volunteered the day of the program, to provide individual assistance.

Diane Masters and Ken Key are two very dedicated people who assisted in the Learn-to-Skate program this

past winter.

Diane worked on a one-to-one basis with a disabled individual who needed assistance in learning how to skate. Both did an excellent job!

Ken Key also volunteered in the Learn-to-Skate program. His interest in skating brought him to the Memorial Arena every Thursday afternoon to help teach children basic skating skills.

Stewarttown news

By J. ROSS

Herald Correspondent

STEWARTTOWN - Get well wishes from the community is extended to Verne Pickett who is in the Georgetown and District Hospital.

Eight of St. John's Guild ladies enjoyed an evening with St. Stephen's, Hornby, Guild last Wednesday.

Congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Humphreys of the village on their 50th wedding anniversary which they celebrated on Saturday with their family and friends at their son's home, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Humphreys.



RESEARCHING HISTORY

The Esqueing Historical Society had a busy evening Wednesday night. Those attending had the opportunity to learn about researching land records. Then, members were given a tour of the Georgetown reference library archives which are

organized with the help and material from the Esqueing Historical Society. Seen here are (left to right) Marke Rowe, Bud Blahop, Christine Blahop and Arthur Dayfoot inspecting some of the collections.

Acton YMCA approves 'COLY' amalgamation

By MAGGIE HANNAH
Herald Special

The Murray Memorial Y will amalgamate with the Central Ontario Lakeshore Y (COLY) officially June 1.

Members of the Acton Y and its board of directors voted unanimously last week to approve the amalgamation with the Metro Toronto area Y. The move will not create major job changes in the Y building on Mill Street but will provide access to additional staff and resource people.

Claudette Smith, director of the Georgetown and Milton Ys, will become Acton's director, board chairman Gord Chapman told those at the annual meeting. Mrs. Smith is a Halton Hills resident and has a good feel for local concerns.

Through COLY the information could be obtained on youth employment services, counselling, camping, day care, youth travel, job search skills for the over 55, and adult protection programs for young mentally retarded individuals wanting to live on their own.

Should a need arise in Acton for information or a program these resource people will be available now to help fill that need, said Henry Labatte, president of COLY.

Smith said funding has been approved and the north Halton youth employment service will be available in Acton by June 1. Ed Tooke has been hired as program director and work is beginning now to put the program in place.

Mrs. Smith said Acton, Milton and Georgetown will each have counselling service two days per week. The fact Acton will get an equal share of counselling resources is an attempt to pave the way to recognizing that the town is in need and is

getting short-changed.

"We want to take the lead in equal allocation of resources," Mrs. Smith said. "We are responding to a need in offering the program here."

The Y is also responding to an expressed need for preschool daycare in the town, she said. At this time she is trying to find a facility which is affordable and can be licensed to house a day-care centre.

"It is a challenge but I believe it can be overcome and we can begin

delivering service."

Mrs. Smith said a program director has also been hired and she expects a youth basketball association will be in operation this fall.

Mr. Chapman said COLY was aware of the local board members concern that the Murray Memorial Y building represented a part of Acton's old town.

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Kinsmen auction on cable television

Herald Special

The Kinsmen Club of Georgetown is gearing up for what is hoped to be one of their most successful (and raising projects for Cystic Fibrosis).

The club has arranged with Halton Cable TV to run a TV Auction live on Cable 4, Monday, May 6 from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m.

The Kinsmen annually raise funds for Cystic Fibrosis research. C.F. is a genetic disorder found in children and as yet there is no known cure.

Since the Kinsmen Association got involved in raising funds for cystic fibrosis research 21 years ago the average life expectancy of a C.F. child has gone from 5 years of age to the mid-to-late 20's.

The Kinsmen have been canvassing local merchants for support and to date have collected over 100 items for the auction, valued at over \$12,500.

The largest and most interesting item is the 1985 Ford Escort, that retails for \$7,800, tax included.

John Peril, manager of Capital Ford is providing the new Ford Escort well below dealer cost. The vehicle is a sand beige 3 door hatchback and has a four speed floor shift. VCR rentals, electric garden tiller, chain saw - even a BMX bike; these are just a few of the items up for auction - and all from local merchants.

A complete list of the items will be printed in the May 1 issue of The Herald along with the telephone numbers to call the night of the auction. During the auction the items will be set out in sections for the audience to view and at the end of each hour some of the items will receive the auctioneer's gavel and will be sold.

The Kinsmen are excited about this special fund raiser for several

reasons. Although not a unique idea, it is new to the residents of Halton Hills. In a project such as this everyone wins - the merchants who donated the items will receive free advertising during the auction, the viewers who bid successfully will get a bargain on which they will pay no sales tax. Also every successful bidder will be eligible for a draw on an item which is over \$500 in value.

The Kinsmen Club is in the final stages of securing the major prize and will announce it next week.

The Kinsmen have been working hard to make this not only a successful fund raising project for Cystic Fibrosis but also to make it an entertaining evening for the viewers.

Tune in, get a bargain, win a prize and help Kinsmen support Cystic Fibrosis.



Kinsman Gary Hunt and Bob Malcolmson join Capital Ford Manager John Peril in the inspection of the 1985 1/2 Ford Escort to be auctioned off in the upcoming Kinsmen T.V. Auction to be seen alive on Cable 4 Monday May 6th.

Stress first aid

Guest speaker George Koblyk will be informing all interested on the topic of "first aid for stress" during the regular meeting of the Lupus Society of Hamilton at All Saints Anglican Church Parish Hall (at the corner of King and Queen Streets, Hamilton).

A question and answer period will follow the talk and refreshments will be available for the April 14 date. For further information call 527-2252.

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