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Instructor helps others find control

Lessons in Reality Therapy will be offered in Georgetown to improve the skills of those who find they do a lot of counselling.

The course which is rarely offered in Ontario will be taught by Jim Montagnes, the Director of the Institute for Reality Therapy in Canada. Rev. Dean Tate is organizing the course which will run mornings and evenings May 9 to 14.

"Simply put, Reality Therapy is a way of assisting individuals to assume effective control of their own lives through the choices they make," Rev. Tate said. The level one course being offered is an intensive week designed to help those who counsel others.

Those who have registered so far include: a policeman, a pastor, a college professor, a computer programmer and social workers.

For more information about the course call Rev. Dean Tate at 877-5854 or 877-7758.

Reality Therapy is taught to the entire Newfoundland correctional staff over a five year period. Newfoundlanders who work with juveniles are also taking courses paid for by the Newfoundland government.



About 45 people turned out for a 10th anniversary party celebrating the Acton Social Services and Information Centre birthday and their new premises in the Acton Town Hall, Sunday. ASSIC staff (left to right) Carol Clark, Cathy McDonald, Eileen Dix and Peggie Balkind had prepared a warm welcome for their guests. (Herald photo)

'Faith, love' in action at ASSIC anniversary

Long-time volunteers, area ministers and politicians gathered together Sunday afternoon in front of the Old Town Hall to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Acton Social Services and Information Centre.

The newly-restored building was dedicated as the new home for the Centre with a prayer of benediction by Acton Baptist Church Minister Jean Stairs.

It was a sunny and windy day which made the outdoor ceremony a pleasant one.

"We look on this as a day of celebration and thankfulness for having come so far from so little," Acton Coun. and anniversary committee chairman Gerald Rennie said.

He said the Centre will continue to help good things happen for the community and will try to answer its needs.

Mr. Rennie said the agency is an example of faith and love in action and recognized the high standards its staff follow.

"We could not function without their dedication, willingness, warmth and giving of themselves beyond their salaries. The same

dedication can be said for our volunteer workers as well," he said. "Here, people are not burdens; here, we show we care."

Halton Hills Mayor Russ Miller said it did his heart good to know there were so many people doing good in the community and expressed pleasure that the Centre finally had a permanent home.

Centre president Lorne Doberthien recalled the beginnings of the Centre, when it started out 10 years ago in the YMCA building on Acton's Mill Street.

The Centre was started up by local people who realized that when Halton Hills joined Halton region, most of the social services would go to the south.

"We needed help to bring some of those services to us," Mr. Doberthien said, pointing out the difficulty of getting out of town.

By 1982, the Centre grew out of its office in the Y and moved into what is now H and H Video on Mill Street. Expansion continued until it became paramount another move was needed. That's when the Centre moved

into the old Town Hall on Willow Street.

"Both our services complement this old building and it complements our services," Mr. Doberthien said.

Halton Regional Chairman Peter Pomeroy said he started municipal politics the year the Centre was born. He agreed many of the social services go to the region's larger municipalities but said the Centre has been so successful that it's spoken of with some jealousy by the large centres.

Mr. Pomeroy congratulated the 12-member board of directors and volunteers and wished them success in their new facility.

Once the wide red ribbon was cut by volunteer Dot Redekop and Peggie Balkind, the 45 guests moved indoors to admire the renovated town hall and share in goodies by the Knox Presbyterian Church ladies.

Longtime volunteer Helen Dubeau helped Mr. Doberthien cut a large cake made especially for the occasion, and the instrumental group "The Manhattaners" provided some class to the occasion.

13 join October UW drive

Thirteen agencies have joined up in the spanking new Halton Hills United Way, and are gearing up for an October fund-raising drive.

The mood was proud and chatty last Wednesday night as the new Halton Hills United Way held its first annual meeting in Georgetown.

Already the group has \$1,143 in its account and another \$3,000 was presented by Coun. Betty Fisher on behalf of the town.

"We believe this event is not only exciting, but important," Coun. Fisher said. "We will have services enjoyed by other communities for some time, services that we have wanted for some time. It brings us into the 20th century."

Good news came from guest speaker Bruce Mochrie, who is the executive director of the Burlington-Hamilton Wentworth United Way. He said he expects the United Ways of Ontario to be donating \$8,000 to \$9,000 as a start-up fund for the Halton Hills United Way. The vote on this is tomorrow (Thursday).

"Getting a United Way off the ground, a delicate coalition of so many forces, is a tough job and you've done it well," Mr. Mochrie said. "If we can help, all you have to do is call."

Former MPP and Norval resident Julian Reed was master of ceremonies at the meeting and said the United Way represents the quality of life Halton Hills residents want.

"It's the effort of volunteers. An indication that we want to help our fellow man and want to see our community represent the best of our motivation," Mr. Reed said.

He remembered being involved with the YMCA some 15 years ago when early discussions began about establishing a local United Way.

Regional Chairman Peter Pomeroy presented Halton Hills

United Way co-chairmen Merlin Kobsa and Carolyn Martin each with a gift, and thanked them for their work in making sure the first year is a success.

He noted it was a long and difficult task they undertook. Chairman Pomeroy said he hoped the Halton Hills United Way will lead to a Halton-wide United Way, and that many of the dollars now being transferred out of the region will come back to meet local residents' needs.

"We at Halton region are extremely interested in what is going to happen in Halton Hills," he said.

The region has contributed a staff person to help with the Halton Hills United Way October drive, Joanne Bree.

The 1986-87 board of directors are: Arlene Bruce, Karen Ferguson, Jim Kinnear, Anne Lawlor, Gwyn Ramsay, John Wickens, Connie Nieuwhof, Rev. Peter Barrow, Wheldon Emmerson, Walt Dixon, Fred Gordon, Tom Hewer, Eleanor Langdon, Paul McCracken, Julian Reed, Tom Shillington, Karel Sury, Dennis White, Fran Niblock, and Doris Treitter.



Make your donation with MS carnation

Multiple Sclerosis Society volunteers are saying, "Make a donation... wear a carnation" as they launch the annual Carnation Day campaign in Georgetown this week.

The volunteers will be offering carnations to the public on street corners, shopping malls and Zellers Saturday May 10.

Campaign chairperson Bev Daquano says the unit hopes to raise \$2,000 locally to help support medical research and patient services programs. The national goal is \$2 million. Ms. Daquano urged all residents to support the campaign by buying a carnation or a bouquet for Mother's Day.

Multiple sclerosis is a potentially crippling disease of the central nervous system affecting an estimated 50,000 Canadians. It is the most common neurological disease striking people between the ages of 20 and 40. As yet, there is no way to prevent the disease, and no cure, though various treatments are sometimes effective in controlling certain symptoms.

Carnations may be pre-ordered at a cost of \$15 a dozen from members of the North Halton M.S. Unit, or you may show your support by purchasing a carnation on Saturday.

To pre-order your carnations, call 877-8756.

In Norval Man angered by parking

Halton regional chairman Peter Pomeroy is involved in a neighborhood squabble in Norval.

Noble Street residents and a neighbor on Adamson Street North are objecting to the regional chairman, his tenant, and older brother Bill Pomeroy's Credit River Boat Company customers parking on the Adamson Street shoulders.

They told Halton's planning and public works committee they want that stretch of roadway, which is also known as Winston Churchill Boulevard north of Highway 7, kept clear for the safety of pedestrians and to improve visibility for vehicles turning from Noble onto Winston Churchill.

"I don't have clear access to Winston Churchill from my driveway," Liz Dodd said. "Many times I get out on a hope and prayer."

Mrs. Dodd lives just north of Bill Pomeroy's home. The senior Pomeroy lives next to the business he's been operating for over 30

years.

Last week, Bill Pomeroy aired his opposition to any parking restrictions on Adamson Street, and said it would affect his boating business. He said he'd had personality problems with his neighbors the Dodds and his neighbors around the corner, the Porters.

"One of the ways to get back at me is to harass and cause me as many problems as possible," Mr. Pomeroy said. "I vehemently disagree with the fact you can't see when you're turning off Noble Street."

He said the stop sign on Noble is buried by a hedge on the Forter property and drivers have to pull out onto Adamson in order to see.

A report from the region's director of public works notes the boat company generates substantial traffic in the spring and summer and creates a potentially hazardous condition for motorists turning onto Adamson from Noble.

The report recommends "no parking" signs be up on the east side of

Adamson Street from a point 79 metres north of Highway 7 to the Credit River Bridge. Peel region, which shares in the upkeep of this boundary road, has already passed such a bylaw prohibiting parking.

In fact, Peel jumped the gun last month, putting up no parking signs, and then having to take them down when Halton told them it hadn't dealt with the matter yet.

Councillors agreed with their public works director's report that parking be prohibited north of Highway 7 to Noble Street, and from Noble Street north up to 50 metres. The Dodds weren't forgotten in their recommendations. Councillors asked public works staff to report back on where the no parking signs in the area of the Dodds' driveway should go up to give them safe exits from their driveway.

As well, councillors want Halton Hills to look into making Noble Street into a one-way street away from Adamson Street. Councillors want a reply by June 30.

Chinese language won't be forgotten

By LAWRENCE TSANG
Herald Special

April 27, the Georgetown Chinese Cultural Association held its first annual meeting at Fong's Restaurant.

The Association is the brainchild of Lawrence Tsang of Yong's Restaurant. He felt there was a need for such an organization and an opportunity for the local Chinese children to learn the Chinese language and their heritage.

During last week's meeting, a new board of directors was elected: Mr. Tsang, president; Dr. Ying, vice-president; Mr. R. Wong, school principal; Mrs. M. Tsang and Mrs. Ma, school recreation and activities directors; Mr. G. Lee and Mr. R. Wah, public relations; Mrs. W. Lahue and Mrs. E. Wong, teachers.

The Association would also like to express its many thanks to the devotion and support of last year's board of directors. Thanks also to the support from the Halton Board of Continuing Education and the Secretary of State office.

For the 1985-86 semester, Mrs. W. Lahue was teacher to 22 children aged from five to 13. The youngsters benefitted under her excellent guidance with help from some parents.

For the final season bash, a family picnic has been planned. Final details will be available later.

IN THE HILLS

AHS science fair

Acton High School is warming up for next year's regional science fairs with their own Fair May 14 between 2:30 and 4 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m. Biology, physics and chemistry projects of students from Grades 10 to 13 will be featured.

Pitch-in.

It's clean-up time in the province and several local schools are taking part in the Pitch-in '86 Campaign. From May 5 to 11, students will be helping clean up the town and parklands. Taking part are: George Kennedy, Centennial, Harrison and Glen Williams Public Schools, and Holy Cross and Ecole Sacre Coeur Separate Schools.

Learn to pipe

Georgetown piper Virginia Hulme will be teaching a bagpipe course at Sheridan College this summer. The eight day course, beginning July 5, costs \$100 and is being taught at the Oakville campus of the College. Willie Connell of London, Ontario is the chief instructor of the course, and Mrs. Hulme has been his student for the past five years. For more information, call 842-8000.

10th Bang-O-Rama

The Georgetown Fairgrounds will once again be buzzing with activity as the Georgetown Optimists prepare for their 10th annual Bang-O-Rama, May 19.

There'll be a garage sale, midway rides, a tractor pull, bingo, a crime prevention show, car demolition derby, a fish pond for Anglers and Hunters, decorated bikes contest, the pipes and drums of the 48th Highlanders and military bands, face painting, and of course, the fireworks at dusk.

Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. John MacFarlane of 142 Churchill Rd. N. in Acton are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Tracey to Robert Fairlie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fairlie of Brampton. The wedding is to take place May 31 in Knox Presbyterian Church, Acton.

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