

# Outlook on Halton Hills

## Halton CAS seeks two board members

Are you a person who is strongly committed to the welfare of children and capable of managing public funds responsibly? If the answer to both questions is "yes", the Halton Children's Aid Society (CAS) would welcome a call from you by March 15.

The 74-year-old agency, whose mandate is the protection of children in Halton Region, is seeking two new board members to commence three-year terms of office commencing April 6, 1988.

Board members must be willing to devote a minimum of six hours per month to the Board of Directors, which oversees the work of Halton CAS. The Board consists of 18 directors - 12 of whom are elected by the members and six of whom are municipal representatives appointed by the Region of Halton. Two of the 12 elected members are CAS volunteers and two are foster parents. Halton CAS

Board directors come from all parts of the region, represent all walks of life and donate their time and talents to the agency.

Halton CAS is a leading child welfare agency in Ontario with many innovative programs to prevent child abuse and to assist and support families where intervention is necessary. The agency is recognized as a keystone of community leadership and service delivery.

The agency received 80 per cent of its funding from the Ontario Ministry of Community and Social Services and 20 per cent from the Region of Halton. Private donations are used for special projects or programs.

For further information, contact David Patterson, Chairman of the Halton CAS Board's Nominating Committee by phoning 844-8211 or writing to him c/o Halton Children's Aid Society, 467 Speers Road, Oakville, Ontario, L6K 3S4.



Top writer

Soccer and darts columnist for The Herald, Alex Tough, was selected as the 1987 recipient of the Top Correspondent Award. The annual prize is sponsored by staff of

the Halton Hills Herald and given to the writer for excellence and dedication in the journalism field. Here, Sports Editor Mike Turner (left) presents Alex with his trophy.



YES grant

The Brampton-Mississauga and District Labor Council supported a client of the Youth Employment Centre in January. The council donated \$340 to pay for one person to use the service. Above, Fern Wolf, representing the Council, receives an award of appreciation from YMCA Regional Manager Claudette Smith. (Herald photo)

## HAND report card on our superpowers

"Most Canadians now perceive the policies and weaponry of both superpowers, not just the USSR, as the major problem in East-West relations." This is one conclusion of a survey conducted in 1987 by the Canadian Institute for International Peace and Security. (The Institute was created by an Act of Parliament in 1984.)

If a report card had been done based on this survey, the marks given by Canadians to each superpower would have been remarkably similar. One example is that 79 per cent of those surveyed believe the USSR is trying to increase its influence in the world today, while 81 per cent believe the US is trying to do the same thing. High marks for a genuine interest in disarmament were given by 46 per cent to Gorbachev and by 37 per cent to Reagan. Sadly, one in three Canadians found neither leader trustworthy on arms control.

It is legitimate to remember at this point that this survey was conducted before the December Soviet-American treaty on intermediate-range nuclear weapons. It could be assumed that now neither country nor leader would be judged so harshly.

The author of this study, Prof. Don Munton, speculates on why Canadians now rate American and Soviet policies similarly. "...It seems that forty years of cold peace with the USSR, including a decade of detente, as well as a few years of Mikhail Gorbachev's appealing diplomacy, have persuaded Canadians that Soviet handling of world problems is not all bad. Conversely, a few decades of US foreign policy problems, including Vietnam and Nicaragua, topped by a term or two

of Ronald Reagan's simplistic and sometimes bellicose rhetoric, have persuaded Canadians that American handling of world problems is not all good."

The study found that 5 per cent believed Soviet actions were the greatest threat to world peace; 8 per cent thought it was American actions. Much larger percentages thought the greatest threat was the spread of nuclear weapons to smaller countries (29 per cent) and the tensions in the Middle East (27 per cent).

In this survey I hear Canadians speaking with a rational, moderate and independent voice on global security. If you, like I, were not one of the survey participants it is not too late to contribute to the important discussions on Canadian defense. To add your voice, write to the Honourable Perrin Beatty, Minister of Defense, House of Commons, Ottawa, K1A 0A6. (No stamp needed).

—Submitted by Cheryl Lightowers, member of I.A.N.D.

## Kinsmen honor club helpers

The Kinsmen Club of Georgetown held an Appreciation Night in conjunction with its regular meeting Feb. 17. The club honored those individuals, organizations and businesses that have helped the club with its various projects. Highlights of the evening was the presentation of an Honorary Membership in the club to Jim Ford. Mr. Ford has played Santa Claus for many years for the Kinsmen Seniors Tour of the Lights, has helped with their fertilizer drive, and for the past 20 years, has been president of the Kinsmen Girls Softball League. Mr. Ford, a past Kinsman, works for Burns Transport Ltd., who were also recognized for their assistance.

Others honored that evening, which was also the club's 30th anniversary, were Silver Creek Service Centre, Halton Cable Systems, Georgetown A and P, J.D. Smith and Sons Trucking, Georgetown Zellers, Outdoor Power Equipment, Halton Rapid Print, Goodlet's, The Herald, The Independent, Bill Haynes for his work with the Girls Softball, and Lois Fraser and Terry Champ for their work at the Seniors Tour of the Lights. Mayor Russ Miller was also present and accepted an Ap-

preciation Certificate for the Town from Kinsmen President Jim Connolly, as he thanked all the citizens and businesses in Halton Hills that have supported the club's Christmas Tree sales, fertilizer drive and TV auction.

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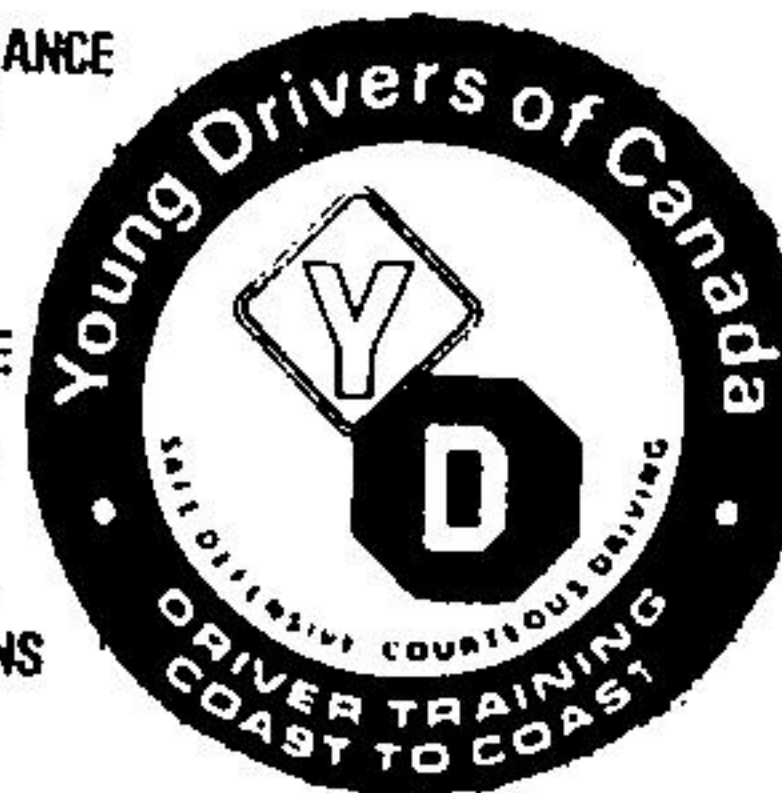


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