

## Volunteer week April 17 - 23



Dianne Anderson, the Coordinator of the North Halton Volunteer Centre and Halton Hills Mayor Russ Miller unravelled a banner celebrating Volunteer Week in town April 17 to 23. The banner was placed

at the doors of the Halton Hills Library-Cultural Centre for the week. Behind Ms. Anderson and the Mayor are a group of volunteers who watched as the banner was unravelled. (Herald photo)

## Cancer volunteer Elvera Clark heads patient services division

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Elvera Clark's voice is one of the first a cancer patient hears when they phone the Cancer Society office.

Working as a nurse at the Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital, Mrs. Clark has volunteered a few hours a week as a patient services chairman for 15 years.

She outlines the services available by the society for the patient.

When a patient first calls in Mrs. Clark gives them an opportunity to say how they are feeling.

Initially, she will ask them what their doctor has said.

The Cancer Society supports the treatment the doctor gives, she said.

"I would rather them tell me," she said. That way she is not treading on ground she is unfamiliar with.

Most people have a dread of cancer and you cannot pussyfoot around, saying everything is fine, the nurse said.

But there is hope," the nurse said. She always talks to them in a hopeful manner.



Elvera Clark

the patient down, than have them drive themselves, Mrs. Clark said. Usually people are advised not to drive.

For those with a financial need, the Cancer Society will provide dressings, bandages or medications, once a Victorian Order of Nurses (VON) volunteer is not needed.

If in talking with the patient Mrs. Clark discovers they may need nursing care, she can arrange for someone from the VON to come in on the doctor's orders.

As well the Cancer Society can arrange for a visit by someone from Hospice if there is a need.

Hospice volunteers give support to those who are terminally ill and their families.

"Initially everyone is really hopeful," Mrs. Clark said. But if the patient is really sick there is supportive care.

A reach for recovery visitor will go and see women with breast cancer.

On the patients' request she will go and visit them in their homes and answer any questions, Mrs. Clark said.

## A spirit of humanitarianism

Today's volunteers are motivated by the same spirit of humanitarianism that Henry Duntant (Founder of International Red Cross) and his comrades shared when they began the Red Cross movement in 1863. It is this spirit of humanitarianism, which is alive and well, that Red Cross wishes to recognize during National Volunteer Week 1988, April 17-23.

In Canada, many volunteers put their talents to work for the Red Cross. In fact, two out of every five Canadians are involved in the Canadian Red Cross. Red Cross volunteers work in blood donor recruitment, seniors' support services, water and boating safety activities, first-aid courses and other community services. During National Volunteer Week, a tribute - and a thank you - must go to the Red Cross volunteers, indeed all the volunteers, in this community.

It's estimated that 2.7 million people are part of the Canadian voluntary sector. There are about 50,000 registered charities in Canada and

the economic contribution of these charities and their volunteer work is estimated at \$5 billion per year. Add to this figure the economic activity of not-for-profit organizations, which are not registered as charities, and the economic benefit of volunteers becomes even more impressive.

Volunteers represent one of Canada's most important resources. The compounded benefit of each dollar spent in the volunteer sector is considerable. Their contributions to their local communities, and to

society as a whole, should not be taken lightly. With that thought in mind, the Canadian Red Cross wishes to join in the celebrations of National Volunteer Week 1988 and thank, not only Red Cross volunteers, but all those volunteers who help when help is needed.

There are as many reasons for volunteering as there are volunteers. While there are individual personal reasons for being a volunteer, volunteers share a strong common bond - the desire to help others.

## CAS honor volunteers

The Halton Children's Aid Society honored its generous committed volunteers with a banquet Monday.

Supervisor of Volunteer and Community Services, Carrie Galloway, describes the Annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner as "our thanks to the dedicated." The volunteers and staff were treated to a complimentary dinner at The Optimist Centre in Milton.

The Halton CAS volunteers who were recognized, perform a wide variety of duties from working as Board members to driving children and parents to various appointments.

Volunteers are present in every department in order that the Agency can help a greater number of children and parents at one time. Since the Children's Aid Society is a non-profit organization, it can only employ a limited number of staff, so the volunteers are extremely important to the Agency and help to lighten the loads of the staff members.

Both volunteers and staff aim to ensure a happy and healthy home environment for children through its CARE Philosophy.

Awards were presented to 37 volunteers at the dinner. The 32 newer volunteers who have been with the Agency for one year were awarded a service pin. The five volunteers who have offered their services at the Agency for five or 10 years received a service plaque.

## THE KIWANIS CLUB OF GEORGETOWN'S ANNUAL

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## '84 fair queen to be married in Listowel



Debrah Ann Deenick and Ronald James Riddell

NORVAL-Mr. and Mrs. William C. Deenick of Norval are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter Debrah Ann to Ronald James Riddell, son of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Riddell of Waterloo.

Debbie attended Pinegrove and Stewarttown Public Schools and Milton District High School. She was also crowned Miss Milton Fair Queen in 1984 and went on to be runner-up in the Miss CNE competition.

Debbie also represented Halton in the Queen of the Furrow competition in 1985-86 and was one of the five finalists both years. Debbie graduated from the University of Guelph with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture and has accepted a position at the Listowel Co-op.

Ronald is operating a dairy farm near Millerton. The wedding will take place May 28 at the Knox Presbyterian Church in Listowel.

## Pro-life group applauds airing of 'Heartbeat'

Pro-lifers were speaking happily about the success of their first program today as the final showings of it approached on Canadian television.

The program, called "Feel the Heartbeat", was aired on 17 stations and networks across Canada between March 26 and April 19.

Produced by Alliance for Life, the national coordinating organization for 250 pro-life groups, "Feel the Heartbeat" described the lives of single mothers and their children and offered confidential counselling by telephone.

"We received calls and were able to help people in a great variety of situations related to the theme of the program," said President Heather Stilwell of British Columbia. "In one case the girl was pregnant, very

young and afraid of what would become of her. We put her in touch with a local group and she is now already living in a home for unwed mothers."

These kinds of stories were repeated across the country due to 34 different local telephone centres and an 800 telephone line, according to pro-lifers.

Contact for the local pro-life group is Grace Miedema, 853-1675.



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