

In the hills

Power meets

The POWER resident group, formed to oppose the proposed landfill site in the Acton quarry is holding its next regular meeting Thursday, May 5 at the Limehouse School at 8:15 p.m.

Tickets for our upcoming fundraising dinner at Jack Tanner's Table on June 7, featuring environmentalist Jack Valentine of the Centre for Inland Waters in Burlington, will be available at this meeting.

Everyone is welcomed to come out to this meeting to learn how this proposal will effect our environment.

License hearing

McCarthy's Olde Tea Room is applying for a dining room license.

The Liquor License Board of Ontario will hold a public meeting on the application Tuesday, May 10 at 10 a.m. in the Masonic Hall, 910 Main St. E., in Hamilton.

Principal retires

A retirement reception will be held Thursday, May 19 for Grant Hutchings, who has been teaching for 35 years.

Mr. Hutchings is stepping down as principal of J.M. Denyes Public School in Milton.

The reception will be held at the school's auditorium, 215 Thomas Street in Milton, from 4-6 p.m.

Garage sale

Norval United Church Sunday school and UCW will be holding a garage and bake sale at the church on Saturday, May 7, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Seniors' tea

The Golden Circle Seniors will hold a Spring Tea and Bake Sale on Saturday, May 14 at St. Andrew's Church Hall, Mountainview Road, South in Georgetown.

Among the featured attractions, will be a white elephant table, and tea leaves and card reading.

The event gets under way noon on May 14, and continues until 4 p.m.

WHAM meeting

The Women of Halton Action Movement (WHAM) will meet this Thursday, May 5 at Shell House, 3506 Lakeshore Rd., West (just east of Burloak).

The evening will get under way with coffee at 7:15 p.m., followed by the regular meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Among the topics to be addressed at the meeting are the issue of provocation and how it is applied in criminal cases, a follow-up on Meech Lake, and the Peace Festival update.

Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

WHAM meets at the same location on the first Thursday night of each month.

For more information, contact Karyn Burney at 844-3901.

Bargains galore

St. Andrew's United Church, 89 Mountainview Road South, will be holding a giant garage sale on Saturday, May 7 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. A large variety of bargain priced items will be available, and refreshments will be sold. Everyone is welcome at this community event.

Teacher makes

great volunteer

By KAREN SLOAN
Herald Special
Halton Children's Aid Society volunteer Susan McCormack has found her work at the Agency to be a great learning experience in her personal life over the past five years.

After resigning from her position as a teacher in 1981 to have a baby, Susan realized she needed something to do outside of the house. She did not wish to return to a full-time job immediately, so she turned to the CAS Volunteer Department.

Susan worked with the young mothers' group in Milton and was able to take her son to the weekly meetings, at which parenting skills are taught.

Susan also participated in a STEP training course which proved helpful in raising her own son. "I've learned a lot from CAS," she says.

Susan recently moved on to the Teen Mothers' group, where she's a co-leader. She sees a great need for teen mothers to gain self-confidence. "That's the biggest problem," she says. Susan and other workers try to "get the mothers to realize that they need help."

Presently, Susan is working as a case aid and volunteer driver as well as holding the position of pre-school co-ordinator in Milton. She organizes pre-school programs and events for the area.

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What am I bid?

The YMCA's Annual Art Auction had a packed house at the Holy Cross Church Auditorium Friday night. Total sales exceeded \$28,000 and the YMCA will collect \$7,700 of that. After expenses the YMCA will have between \$5,500 and \$7,000 putting the auction on a par with last year's successful program. Here, local artists Gretchen Day and Wendy Byukes show off their works entitled "exuberance" and "sleeping bear". (Herald photo)

Volunteers with CAS

Driver sees progress of young

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following article was written by Karen Sloan, a second-year Journalism student at Sheridan College in Oakville, who is on a work placement at Halton CAS.

After Ruth Bousfield settled her three boys into school in 1978, she began inquiring about volunteer driving so she could help others. These inquiries led her not only into the Halton Children's Aid Society, but into many other community projects, as well.

Ruth has driven for the Mothers' Morning Out program for six years; first from Acton to Milton, then, when the Milton chapter closed, from Milton to Georgetown. Mothers' Morning Out involves weekly meetings of mothers of school children who hear talks on such subjects as budgets, parenting, accident prevention and image enhancement. A group of volunteers cares for the children during the meetings.

Children involved with the Society, need to be transported to medical appointments, play therapy, family visits, counselling sessions and support groups. Transportation is required during the day and evenings, weekdays and weekends. The advantage of this role is its flexibility.

Some drivers prefer to drive at a specified time each week. He/she may drive one child to play therapy or transport moms and children to a group. Others prefer to be more flexible and fit in the drive requests when convenient, according to their changing schedules.

"The volunteer driving policy is to keep you with one client. After you're in it for a while, you notice the progress," she says. In fact, Ruth has been driving one single mother to CAS-related activities for three years. She says she can see how the group benefits both mother and her children. "You see changes," she says. "They smile again and have fun." Ruth has noticed the children who have been badly hurt usually have a chip on their shoulders and are very suspicious. When they see something stable in their life, a car coming each week faithfully, they begin to open up.

Ruth has also been involved in the Society's Volunteer and Community Resource Committee (VCRC) assisting with public relations work in the community. She has worked as a volunteer, and with the VCRC committee dealing with the Volunteer Incentive Fund for

children who are clients of the Society, but not receiving financial help. The money from the Volunteer Incentive Fund goes towards bikes for paper routes, gymnastics, dancing or music lessons, and many extra activities that the families cannot afford.

The committee also brings recommendations to the Board of Directors on volunteer related projects. Ruth is a member of the Halton CAS Board of Directors and helps maintain contact between the volunteers and the Board.

Outside of the Halton CAS, Ruth is active in the Milton community. She has been helping the Milton Community and Information Services, which is starting a new service in the area, called Information Milton, a non-profit organization that provides the community with information about coming events. Ruth also participates in the annual Milton Fall Fair. She helps with the junior exhibits between 12 and 18 years of age, takes in entry forms, and sets the prize lists. In addition, she is active in her community church.

For further information about becoming a CAS volunteer, call 844-8211.

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