

Noted guests attend meeting

Pro-Life group holds AGM

Approximately 150 people attended The Second Annual North Halton Pro-Life Delicious Desserts evening held in St. Joseph's School in Acton April 25.

Various opportunities were given throughout the evening to indulge in a broad selection of delicious desserts. This activity in itself, reaffirmed life and the goodness of the life that we share.

There were a number of specially invited guests including Father Volariotte, of St. Joseph's Parish in Acton who gave the opening prayer. Don Best, who was candidate in

Brampton for The Family Coalition Party in last summer's provincial election was present, as well as Dan Sylvester of Halton Adolescent Support Services. Pro-Life favour his work, in that it helps to prevent teenage girls from getting themselves into a situation in which they might consider it necessary to contemplate an abortion.

Carlo Testa, who is running for candidacy of the Conservative Party in the Halton-Peel Riding, was also an invited guest.

The chairperson of North Halton Pro-Life, Grace Miedema, led the

evening meeting and informed everyone of the activities of the organization in the last year.

Among the many activities mentioned were a pro-life prayer vigil at the Milton Hospital, placing literature in the high school libraries, taking a turn picketing at the Morgentaler Clinic, the second Thursday of every month, encouraging letter writing campaign, direct discussion with both provincial and federal members of parliament, and providing information for school projects in law, biology, and health studies.

One of the main speakers of the evening was Father Tom Lynch. He led pro-life supporters in the Peterborough area to voice opposition to the so-called "Health Clinic" that has been proposed and implemented at the Peterborough Hospital.

One interesting incident he related in his speech occurred at the time when he worked as a Chaplain's Assistant at the Guelph Correctional Centre.

One day as he was leaving the facility to go speak to a pro-life group some of the inmates asked him what pro-life was. He explained that pro-life was an organization that was formed to help protect the lives of the unborn. One of the inmates replied, "That is good, because after they're done with them they will come after us."

Lynch stressed what is happening in the abortion issue is not just a threat to the lives of the unborn, but a threat to the sanctity of all human life.

The second speaker of the evening was Mr. Ray Pennings, the Ontario Director of the Christian Heritage Party.

He referred to one of his previous speaking engagements at which a man stood up and asked him, "Prime Minister Mulroney was recently asked what his vision for Canada was. Mulroney is said to have replied, 'Prosperity and tolerance.' What is your vision of Canada?" Pennings said he thought for a while and then responded that his vision for Canada was, "Respect and Compassion."; respect for the creator, the created, and the creation, and compassion for the less fortunate.

Mr. Pennings pointed out that while other politicians might privately hold a pro-life view, the Christian Heritage Party has a party policy that respects all of life as a gift from God.

There will be further opportunity to learn more about the Christian Heritage Party from Mr. Pennings at an information meeting to be held at Georgetown Christian School on May 10 at 8:00 p.m.



Centennial School was buzzing with activity last week, as students presented Cabaret, an evening of song and dance, and spirited entertainment. Among the many on-stage acts were students who performed various dance numbers. (Herald photo)

CHAOS is welcomed by CAS

In a world where the only constant is change, the Halton CAS remains out in front, diligently fine-tuning and upgrading virtually every aspect of the service it provides the region's children and their families.

Late last year, the Agency willingly threw itself into CHAOS (Change Halton's Administrative and Organizational System) and decided to reorganize the family protection staff into eight specific teams of Family and Child Services and Family and Adolescent Services.

In addition, the Agency introduced a new team of Resource Management staff, with responsibilities that include the receiving and placing of children entering Halton CAS care.

These changes, in turn, meant reorganizing staff - among other things assigning new supervisory positions while eliminating obsolete ones.

The following supervisory ap-

pointments occurred as a result of the recent reorganization at Halton CAS.

Gail Vandermeulen, formerly Supervisor of the General Intake/Crisis Unit, is now Supervisor of the Resource Management Department. Gail's team affectionately refer to their division as "The Department of Miscellaneous Affairs" because they're responsible for 17 programs within the Agency. Says Gail: "Resource Management is an exciting concept because it is the first and only group of staff to be taken from both departments within the Agency to perform both family service and residential service functions within the same team.

John Tee, formerly a Group Care social worker, has been appointed Supervisor of Family and Adolescent Services. John's team is responsible for protecting

adolescents, aged 11 or older, and providing necessary services to them and their families.

Bob Holmes, formerly Supervisor of Group Care, has assumed a new role as Supervisor of the newly created Adolescent Care Team. Bob and his team are responsible for all adolescents in the care of the Agency.

Barbara Neilson, formerly Supervisor of the Child Abuse Unit, has been appointed Supervisor of the new Family and Children's Services division. Barbara and her team are responsible for children aged 10 or younger and their families.

Only one supervisor's position was unaffected by the reorganization.

Carol Noble retains her former title as Supervisor of Foster Foster/Adoption as well as the responsibilities traditionally associated with that position.

Education bridges gap to peace

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is by Victor Glasse-Davies, a member of HAND, and draws from an article written by Ish Thelheimer, President of Operation Dismantle.

Peace education is becoming a standard component of the curriculum in schools today. It is therefore important that educators consider carefully how to use this time most effectively.

James Lefcoe, now studying at Western University, (founded Students for Nuclear Sanity (SUNS) four years ago while in high school. He has some ideas on why and how to set up peace education courses. He says the main problem is students "are told just enough to get us feeling scared, but not enough to feel confident about taking some action."

Their world, he says, is full of contradictions; wealth and poverty; diminishing resources and consumer waste, a nuclear arms race that grows without reason. "Caring about what happens to the world and caring about what happens to oneself are made to seem mutually exclusive, though they are not."

The media powerfully portrays an image of the conservative, career-minded "vuppies" of the '80s. It is

important that young people are presented with other worthy goals if society is to be healthy one.

James Lefcoe suggests that the task of peace education is both to provide factual knowledge of the world situation, and to convince young people that they are able to change things for the better.

Courses should include discussion of the students' personal philosophies and beliefs, followed by work on interpersonal skills such as communication and conflict resolution.

Subsequently, there should be investigation and discussion of world issues and finally the students, as a group, should work on a practical project illustrating the ways it is possible to attempt to influence major issues in society.

To close on a positive note it is very heartening to recall that Georgetown High School boasts a number of students who feel strongly enough about peace to have formed STAND (Students Towards Achieving Nuclear Disarmament).

They clearly already believe in the value of taking action.

Open meeting planned on affordable housing

The Halton Social Planning Council, a non-profit research and planning group, is hosting a community meeting where representatives from agencies, churches, service clubs and individuals throughout Halton are being invited to assess the relevancy of a recent provincial initiative for Halton and decide whether or not an Access to Permanent Housing Committee should be formed in Halton and what, if any, support services should be instituted to help local people find affordable housing.

As a follow-up to the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless, the Ministry of Housing and the Ministry of Community and Social Services recently announced a new joint housing initiative to address the problem of homelessness in Ontario.

Entitled Access to Permanent Housing Committees, this is aimed at encouraging the development of

local housing committees throughout the province to provide a community focus on local housing issues and ensure that those in need have access to permanent housing.

These committees will be able to submit proposals for support services on behalf of community agencies or groups in their community which would be cost shared by the Province and the Regional Municipality.

If you would like to attend, or would like additional information, call the Halton Social Planning Council in Burlington at 632-1975 or, for Halton Hills residents, a message can be left at 877-3219.

This community meeting is open to anyone interested in improving the availability of affordable housing in Halton. It will be held on Thursday, May 5, at 7 p.m. in the Milton Town Hall (basement meeting room).

"RESPECT FOR LAW WEEK"

PROCLAIMED

WHEREAS, crime and its effects upon the lives and property of our citizens continues undiminished, despite efforts by government, citizens' organizations and many individuals, and

WHEREAS, the problems of crime touch and affect all segments of our society undermining and eroding the moral and economic strengths of our communities and their citizens, and

WHEREAS, there is still a reluctance on the part of many citizens to involve themselves in actions to insure the protection, rights and well-being of their fellow citizens, and

WHEREAS, Optimist Clubs and their members continue to sponsor and support programs aimed at combating crime and disrespect for law through year-round efforts; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that I, RUSSELL MILLER, Mayor of the Town of Halton Hills, proclaim the week of May 8-14, 1988 as RESPECT FOR LAW WEEK and ask all citizens of Georgetown to join with the Optimists in carrying the message of respect for law to other citizens, and by example, exercise responsible citizenship.

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The Marketing Club of Georgetown District High School is putting together a car wash for Saturday, May 7 at the Zellers parking lot. Speedy Muffler and the local Kinsmen Club are assisting the students to raise money.

The students are charging \$3 to wash the exterior of the car and hope to raise \$800. The money is to be presented on Saturday, May 14 on the Kinsmen CF Radiothon to be broadcast on Radio CKFM Toronto (99.9 on the radio dial).

The Kinsmen along with the support of groups such as the Marketing Education Clubs of Canada Association (which the Georgetown students are part of) are hoping to raise \$100,000 from the six-hour Radiothon which features entertainers such as Joan Rivers and Rich Little.

Remember to get your car washed at the GDHS Car Wash for CF on Saturday, May 7 between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the Zellers parking lot and help the students meet their goal.

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