

BIA Christmas Contests



The Downtown Georgetown Business Improvement Area held a coloring contest for kids of various ages. Here Michelle Gelok, 7, Kenny Bryce, 4, and Joanne Meek, 11, hold up the masterpieces that won them 25 BIA

dollars, to be spent in town. BIA co-ordinator Margaret Vint presented the children with their prizes at UP, UP and Away Balloons on Main Street S., Georgetown last week. (Herald photo)



Union Gas window, decorated by Ruth Sampson of Crafty Gifts n' Things, won first prize last week in the Downtown Georgetown Business Improvement Area contest. Receiving the trophy is Barbara

Miller (centre) with Ruth Sampson (left) and BIA co-ordinator Margaret Vint. North Halton Sports was the runner-up for the best window. (Herald photo)

Resource manual keys on rights of the handicapped

By RICH FLAHERTY
Herald Special

The spirit of giving continues long after Christmas has passed. A perfect example of this is Lisa B. Zaretsky, the author of A Guide to Services and Rights in Ontario, which is a disability resource manual.

The guide was inspired by Rob Ferguson, a handicapped student at GDHS. The book is a guide on the rights and privileges of people with disabilities and what is available to them through the government. It also concerns itself with how to deal with bureaucratic red tape.

Robert Ferguson's mother found it difficult to deal with government offices in asserting her son's rights as a handicapped person, and in getting grants and vocational assessment.

Major surgery and a deterioration of Rob's condition led to his death last year, but inspired the Rob Ferguson Memorial Fund at GDHS, to which Ms. Zaretsky donated her part of the profits from the book.

Ms. Zaretsky first met Rob Ferguson at the Hugh MacMillan Centre for crippled children where she was then currently working in administration.

The Ferguson's fight to assert Rob's right was one of the incidents which inspired Ms. Zaretsky to compile the Guide to Services and Rights.

"She listened to what we had to say," said Mrs. Ferguson. "Over the five years from when we met her, I would tell her of all the things we had to do fighting for Rob's rights. She saw a need for the book".

In addition to writing the guide, Ms. Zaretsky worked with co-author T. Constance Nakayasu, a lawyer, to provide information to break through much of the legal jargon that buries many of the rights and benefits of handicapped people.

"To have had something like this would have been ideal," said Mrs. Ferguson, remembering her own struggle with government offices to retain Rob's pension when it has been reassessed for a lesser amount.

Published in January 1988, a Guide to Services and Rights in Ontario is available for \$25 at Parent Books, 201 Harbour St., Toronto, with a delivery charge of \$1.75.

Mrs. Ferguson feels that though the guide is fairly recent, periodic



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updating to keep up with changing government policy would be useful. "Hopefully this book will avoid the problems we had," said Mrs. Ferguson.

She believes the guide to be a valuable asset in dealing with the emotional upsets that can be brought on when dealing with a handicapped persons rights.

Application approved

The town has approved an application by Mr. and Mrs. Syd Collier for a second residence on their horse farm on Winston Churchill Boulevard.

The Colliers applied for a second residence, in the form of a mobile home, because they need to employ farm help to look after the horses.

Melody Acres Horse Stables cares for 40 horses on the farm.

Initially, neighbor W.C. Deenik objected to the proposal.

However, Mr. Deenik has withdrawn his objections upon learning the details of the application.

The town approved the temporary second residence for a period of three years.

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Greetings from North Halton Literacy Guild

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is an open letter from the co-ordinators of the North Halton Literacy Guild.

A new year begins - a fresh start for many of us. Commitments and promises are considered and our intentions are so genuine to follow through. Self improvement is always so high on our list of resolutions.

If experiencing difficulty with reading, writing or basic math why not try the North Halton Literacy Guild. Maureen or I would like the opportunity to meet with you to explain our program which has been successful for so many in North Halton.

Our approach with our students consists of one-to-one tutoring focused on material you would like to learn in order to improve your day-to-day functioning both at home and on the job. The lesson will take place each week in a local school or library and will last about two hours. The content of the lesson will be determined jointly by the student and the tutor. We integrate into our teaching philosophy the following Chinese Proverb: Tell Me, I'll Forget; Show Me, I May Remember; Involve Me And I'll Understand.

Our volunteer tutors are extremely rich in experience and we value them as the backbone of our agency. Without them there would be no North Halton Literacy Guild. Previous teaching experience is not a prerequisite in becoming a tutor. An interest in helping others help themselves and a willingness to work with a student for a minimum of six months are important. Training is provided and tutors and staff act as a recourse group for each other.

To quote Margaret Fuller, "If You Have Knowledge, Let Others Light Their Candles At It."

Remember us on Jan. 1, 1989 and consider your involvement with our agency either as a volunteer in reaching out to others or as a student in improving your own skills.

Happy New Year,
from Ave and Maureen.
(873-2200)

Solo parents plan New Year's dance

The Brampton Solo Parents Associated, Non-profit Organization is hosting an open New Year's Dance Saturday, Dec. 31 to ring in 1989.

A social hour has been set for 7 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. followed by dinner, and dancing, which begins at 9 p.m. The dance is being held at Centennial Recreation Centre, 80 Mary Street, Brampton.

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MASS TIMES
Saturday, December 24
7:00 p.m. (preceded by carol sing); 9:00 p.m.; 12 Midnight (preceded by carol sing)
NOTE: There are no evening Masses Christmas day in Hamilton Diocese.
Sunday, December 25
No 8:00 a.m. Mass; Masses at 10:00 a.m. and 12 Noon.
CONFESSION TIMES
Sat. Dec 17 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Tues. Dec 20 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Wed. Dec 21 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Thurs. Dec 22 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Fri. Dec 23 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Sat. Dec 24 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

St. George's Anglican Church
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Christmas 1988
Christmas Eve - Dec. 24
Holy Eucharist 7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 p.m.
Christmas Day - Dec. 25
Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.
Thursday, Dec. 29
Holy Communion 10:00 a.m.
New Year's Day - Jan. 1
Holy Communion 10:00 a.m.
Further information about these services may be obtained by calling Brenda Triggerson weekdays from 9:00 a.m. - Noon 877-8044

CHRISTMAS SERVICES
St. John's Anglican Church
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