

## In the hills

### New members

Proposed citizen appointments to the ActiVan Advisory Committee, the Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee (LACAC) and the Property Standards Committee will go before town council for approval Jan. 29.

Halton Hills general committee approved the appointments of May Hoare and Kippy Greig to the ActiVan committee, Jack Lemay and Steven Foster to LACAC and Erik Kowal to the property standards committee, Monday night.

If approved by council the appointments will be effective for three years.

### 'Rambo' youths

"Rambo" style facially camouflaged youths have been shooting pellets at a Mountainview Road residence in Georgetown between New Year and Jan. 19, Halton Regional Police say.

The resident of the home has also been targeted in the past with telephone calls, in 1988, accusing him of being a "Nazi war criminal," police say.

The victim is of German origin. Police believe the incidents correspond.

The pellets caused an estimated \$100 damage to the home's aluminum siding, police say.

### Two-car collision

A 31-year-old Georgetown woman driving a 1988 Jeep, dropped a book onto her foot, police say, and as she picked it up she veered onto a patch of ice, onto the shoulder and then collided with a 1988 Ford. Police charged her with careless driving for the incident, Jan. 16 at 5:40 p.m. on Sargent Road near Delrex Boulevard.

### Three-car collision

Following a three-car collision, a 21-year-old Brampton man faces a charge of following too closely, on Guelph Street, Jan. 15 at 7 p.m., police say. Police reported a 1988 Toyota and a 1988 Plymouth were stopped for traffic when the driver of a 1985 Chevrolet failed to notice the vehicles and collided with the Toyota which was pushed into the Plymouth. The Toyota received moderate damage while both the Plymouth and Chevrolet received only minor damage.

# Georgetown newcomers are ready to welcome families to Halton Hills



The Georgetown Newcomers Club offer families new to Halton Hills the chance to make friends and socialize. The club started 10 years ago, and club members think there are people out there who would be interested in the group's activities if they knew about the club. Etta De'Ath and Lori Mckibbin are only two of 32 members who welcome anybody interested in joining the group. (Herald photo)

The Georgetown Newcomers Club is waiting with open arms to make families new to Halton Hills feel welcome.

The 10-year-old group currently has a membership of 32 people which is down from the 50 members the club has had in previous years. And club member Etta De'Ath says the relatively low membership is due to new town residents being unaware of the group.

The group relies on the Georgetown Welcome Wagon and a notice on Halton Cable Television to inform people about its activities yet it's still hard to find out about families new to the area, said Ms. De'Ath.

The group's monthly meetings at St. Andrew's United Church in Georgetown provides people with the opportunity to meet each other and socialize. And after making friends people "feel more confident" about where they are living, says Lori Mckibbin, another club member.

The club is primarily aimed at women, says Ms. De'Ath. The meetings centre around a guest speaker who is usually someone from the community. Trudy Thomas of Up Up and Away Balloons spoke on different ideas of how to put on birthday parties at

the club's most recent meeting Jan. 17. Other speakers have included a representative from the Crisis Centre who talked about volunteer work and another from the Halton Regional Police who spoke on the issue of drug awareness.

Those interested in joining the club are invited over to a house of one of the members to share coffee with two or three members the Monday before the person's first meeting. This way at the meeting the woman already knows some people, Ms. Mckibbin said.

Members are not obligated to attend the meetings. The club encourages unlimited membership to ensure that there is always a good number in attendance.

A newcomer membership lasts three years because by this time the members have established a social circle, Ms. De'Ath says. The person then becomes an alumnus. And this group holds a social function once a month.

As well the group organizes events for the entire family. This spring Ms. Mckibbin says an outing to a Maple syrup farm is planned to see a sugaring off. There is also the group annual family picnic, every summer.

For more information call Lori Mckibbin at 873-4996 or Etta De'Ath at 877-7816.

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