

Welcome Wagon Bridal Party

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So you're getting married? There's a million and one things to do and plan for the big day but where do you begin. Who do you call and where do you go to find out? In order to give the Bride-to-be a starting point and some idea of what lies ahead, the Welcome Wagon will be hosting a Bridal Party on Sunday, March 10, 1991 at the Halton Hills Cultural Centre/Library. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. There, Brides view demonstrations and displays, sample products and can make contact with various professionals who can help to plan their wedding. The day will feature services offered by photographers, limousine services, florists, travel agents, balloon decorators, cosmetics, bridal fashion consultants, tuxedos and much more. Refreshments and desserts will be served by one of the participating sponsors - Halton Hills Conference Centre. Every participating business has a display table and has a gift for every bride plus donates fabulous door prizes. Roos Travel Agency alone is giving away one night's free accommodation at a hotel on the Airport Strip which includes a continental breakfast and complimentary bottle of champagne! From 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. the pro-

gram will be held in the John Elliott Theatre which consists of an outstanding fashion show by Charlie Bridal Salon, Tuxedo Royale, Fantasey Lace Lingerie - all long-time sponsors of Welcome Wagon. Each business is introduced and highlighted with some helpful hints and wedding trivia.

"We're the perfect organization to do it because we can represent all the businesses equally." We also provide civic information - a list of books on planning a wedding from the Halton Hills Library, a check-list for the bride, groom, best man and maid-of-honour. We usually feature a guest speaker. Last year, we were honoured to have Mayor Russell Miller reminisce on his own wedding day and extend best wishes to the brides-to-be.

This is our 9th Annual Bridal Party. The first was hosted back in 1984 in Georgetown. I have been involved in the program since 1988 and have hosted four of them. It's a lot of preparation but we all have a lot of fun on the day of the "party". The emphasis is on "party". This is not a "show" but a party - so Brides-to-be, our party is by invitation only for yourself plus one guest. It is traditional to bring the mother as the guest, but bring anyone you wish. More recently, there have been more grooms-to-be atten-

ding. "These days it is the bride and the groom paying for the wedding. They both have questions about how to plan the big day so they both attend."

In order to receive your free invitation please call Debbie at 877-8591. Space is limited to please register early. The last three years we have had a full house ranging from 80 to 100 Brides and guests. A note to interested businesses - we still have limited space still available so please call to reserve your spot so you won't miss out on any of the excitement.

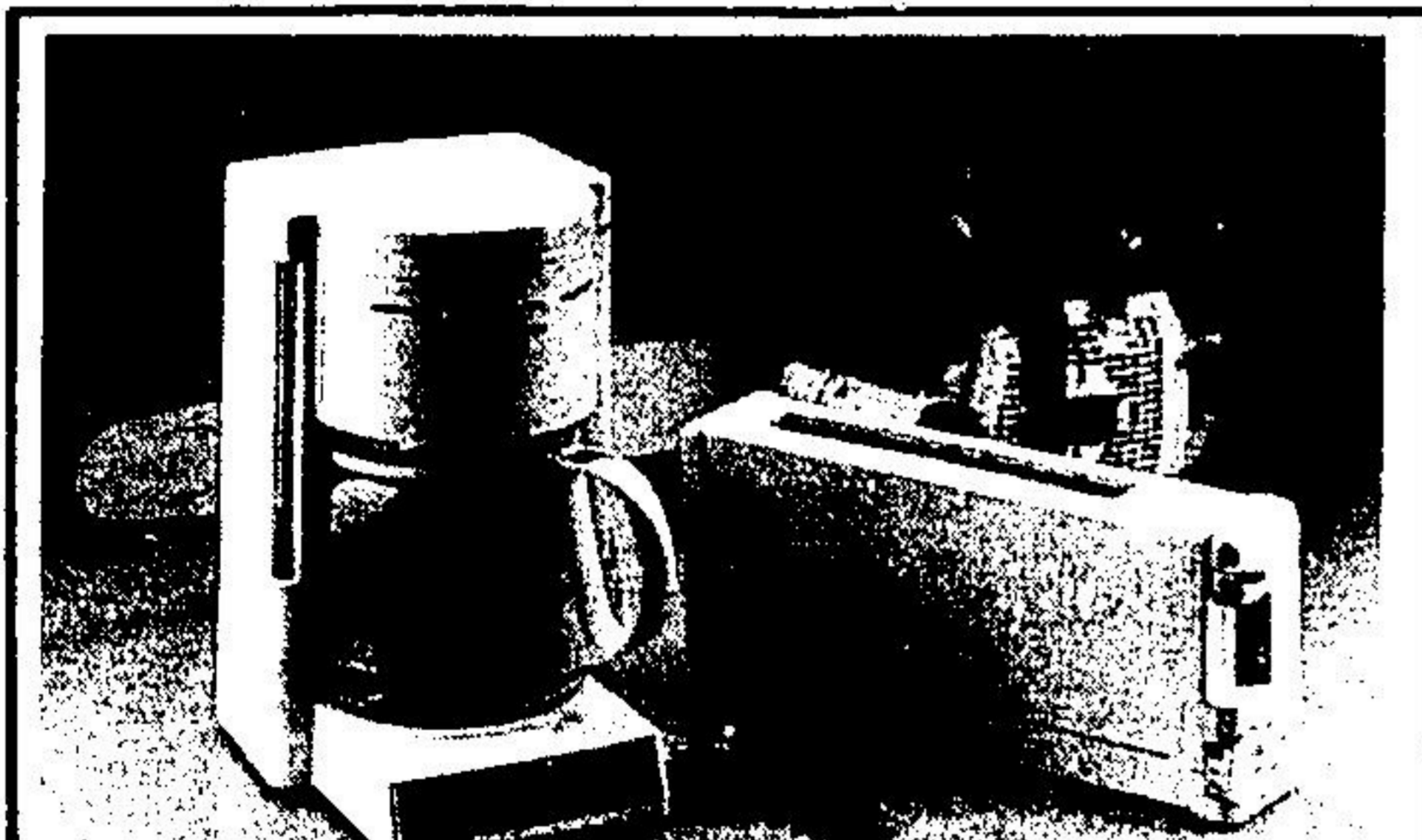
I have been involved with Welcome Wagon since November 1985, where I have seen this organization grow in Halton Hills. Thanks to not only the four hostesses - Debbie Butler, Cathy Dooley, Sandra Caldwell and Judy Shea - but the great community-minded businesses in Halton Hills. We welcome newcomers to town with a basket of gifts from 29 sponsors. We also honour new parents with the arrival of their new baby with 19 sponsors. Programs are active in both Georgetown and Acton. We welcome everyone on each of the special occasions - New To Town, New Parents, New Brides and Grooms. If you are new to town or have just had a baby, just call either Cathy Dooley at 877-8653 Georgetown, or Judy Shea at 853-2977 in Acton.

A special thankyou to the Halton Hills Herald - who has supported all the Welcome Wagon programs - a great community paper!



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