

Diabetes chapter now underway in Georgetown

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The Brampton Chapter of the Canadian Diabetes Association (CDA) hosted a chapter formation meeting for Georgetown, March 25 at the Lions Hall, located behind Memorial Arena. Eighteen people attended and all showed a keen interest in the formation of a branch here in Georgetown.

Of special note to the evening was the importance many people attached towards diabetes education and informal support systems for diabetics and their families in Georgetown. During the evening goals were discussed and with the goals in mind a mission statement for the Georgetown chapter will probably be discussed and developed at the next meeting.

The proposed Georgetown chapter must act under an umbrella of the Brampton chapter for one year. Lisa Burrows of Georgetown has volunteered to be the new branch's first president when the umbrella of Brampton is removed. Until then she will be working closely with Bill Black, present president of the Brampton chapter of the CDA.

Other specific executive positions have not yet been filled. There were, however, people who expressed a desire to assist with some of the volunteer duties that

make up the chapter functions.

Of the 18 people attending the March 25 meeting, at least two were nurses and all seemed to be either diabetics themselves or a family member of someone who has diabetes. Some informal questions were addressed and discussed as the meeting relaxed somewhat and showed signs of support system networking. Items discussed included what to possibly expect from a teenager with diabetes, how to handle initial self-denial of the disease, some of what diabetics should or do expect from doctors, the importance of maintaining control to help prevent further possible complications to the diabetic, etc.

It was mentioned that perhaps a speaker could be present at the next meeting and maybe more people that would benefit from a Georgetown chapter of the CDA would attend. Speakers would benefit many as the knowledge of different aspects of diabetes can be learned from them.

Hopefully a speaker will be contacted and able to attend the next meeting, which is scheduled for Monday, April 29 at 7:00 p.m., again at the Lions Hall. In the meantime, a mailing address has been established in town - 11 Marilyn Crescent, L7G 1K3, or interested people can contact Lisa Burrows by phone or leave a message at 873-4057.



Easter contest winners

Margaret Vint, president of the Georgetown Business Improvement Association, posed for a picture with the winners of the association's Easter coloring contest. From left to right are Jullane

Koynadyk (Tiny Tots winner), Jenna Gatto (Mid Kids winner) and Jennifer Shields (Big Kids winner), who received their prizes from the Easter Bunny. (Herald photo)

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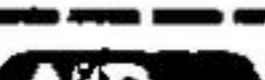
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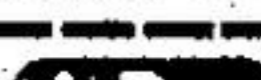
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