

Japanese and Canadian cultures exchange ideas

An exchange of Japanese and Canadian cultures is set to begin July 18 in Georgetown.

This exchange program, run by the Cultural Homestay Institute (CHI), will involve 15 university students from Japan staying with Georgetown families for two, three week periods: from July 18 to August 10 and from August 26 to September 13.

"Japanese students participating in this program have a chance to see what a real Canadian family is like. Many people in Japan only see what North Americans are like through the movies," said Judith Gooding, a teacher/co-ordinator with CHI and member of a participating family, "Japan is our country's second biggest trade partner so it's important for both countries to learn all we can about each other."



Judith Gooding

This type of exchange program for our university students is new to the Toronto area. Similar programs in the United States have met with great success, explain-

ed Ms. Gooding.

CHI is a non-profit educational program, founded in 1977, devoted to the growth and understanding among the peoples of the world. Members of the institute believe the best way to eliminate international fears and prejudices is to learn about the cultures, the languages, and the customs of other countries.

Japanese students interested in participating in the program were asked to write an appeal to CHI, and together with certain travel agencies in Japan, the students would be selected. Participating students need only provide travel and personal expenses, their room and board are provided by the family they stay with, known as host families.

Georgetown families wishing to participate in this program (only one Japanese student has yet to be placed for the first three week period) must show sincere interest and be able to provide a bed for the student as well as transportation for the student to and from his/her Study Center, Georgetown District High School. "I haven't interviewed anyone



Cynthia Allen

who wasn't sincere," stated Ms. Gooding.

Ms. Gooding, who has a 19-year-old son at Georgetown District High School will be tak-

ing in a Japanese student during the first three week exchange period.

"My son insisted we take somebody," said Ms. Gooding. "He has travelled a lot and is very much for the program."

Cynthia Allan, another teacher/co-ordinator with CHI says she is very excited about a female university student from Japan coming to stay with her.

"I'm pretty excited about it," said Ms. Allan, a sociology and geography student at York University, "I plan on taking her to places like Canada's Wonderland, Niagara Falls, and the Science Centre."

Ms. Gooding also mentions that because Japan is a very expensive country to visit, having a personal contact there would be marvellous for anyone planning to travel.

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 Halton Hills Ambulance Service is willing to provide your school, club, business or group with short or long presentations on the nature and history of the Service. For more information call Phil at 877-1615 and leave a message.
 Are you expecting a baby this Fall? Halton Regional Health Department offers a series for expectant parents! You will gain the most benefits by attending as early as possible. If your due date is in Oct/Nov/Dec/Jan 92 register now for the early series by calling Milton, 878-7261.
 Tony Meers, The Making of a Working Artist, 1966 to 1991 in the Gallery of the Halton Hills Cultural Centre, Georgetown from July 10th to August 10th. Exhibition and Sale sponsored by the Friends of the Halton Hills Libraries, Acton and Georgetown. All welcome. Free admission.
Meetings
 Acton Lions Club meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 8 p.m. at Legion Branch 197, Acton. For more information contact Dave Pyke at 853-3410.
 Lioness Club of Georgetown meet at the members homes on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month. For more information contact Louise Giffin at 877-8888.
 Meetings of the Region of Peel VBAC Support Group held the 1st Tuesday of each month and offer post-caesarean support and discuss birth options. Call 826-9467 or 873-2779.
 Kiwanis Club of Georgetown meets Wednesdays at the Halton Golf and Country Club for a noon luncheon. For information contact John Schalljo at 877-3206.
 Halton Hills Toastmasters meet Mondays at 7:30 p.m. at Glen Williams Town Hall. For more information call Don at 873-3964 or Paul at 853-3712.
 Kinsmen Club of Georgetown meet every other Wednesday at the McGibbon Hotel at 7 p.m. For more information call Ron Leleuvre at 877-2379.
 Lion's Club of Georgetown meets every Tuesday at the Lion's Hall on Mill Street behind the Arena at 7 p.m. For more information call Bill Mason at 877-7901.
 The Rotary Club of Acton meets Thursdays at 6 p.m. at the Wooden Hearth Restaurant. For more information call Brian Robertson at 853-1651.

Georgetown Branch 120 Royal Canadian Legion monthly meeting at 8 p.m., 4th Thursday of each month at the Georgetown Legion Branch, 127 Mill Street, Georgetown. For more information call 877-4413.

Optimist Club of Georgetown meets 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the club, Hwy 7. For more information contact Sandy Booth at 877-4569.

Living With Cancer Group meets every second Thursday at the Canadian Cancer Society, Milton Branch, 751 Main Street East at 7:30 p.m. For more information call 877-5228 or 878-1876.

La Leche League of Georgetown and Acton meet the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. to talk about breast feeding and parenting. Pregnant moms and nursing babies welcome. For more information call Sandra at 878-4732.

Pregnant Teens: Prenatal classes designed specifically for teens! Free of charge! Transportation provided! Pregnancy counselling available! Call Susan Stuart at 844-5502 or Public Health Department for more information.

Halton Hills British Canadian Club meetings are held informally on the 1st Thursday of each month in the lounge of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 120, Georgetown, at 8 p.m. For more information call Dave at 873-2934.

Beta Sigma Phi Chapters in Georgetown and Acton. For meeting times please contact City Council President Betti Jamieson at 873-2096.

New Acton Al-Anon Group is meeting every Wednesday at Acton Baptist Church (side entrance), at 8 p.m. Everyone welcome. For further information contact Eleanor Patterson at 853-0331.
 The Halton Hills Community Chess Club meets every Wednesday from 7:10-9:30 p.m. in the Library of Georgetown District High School. Casual and tournament play available. For further information contact the school.

Volunteers
 Georgetown Vintners are looking for amateur winemakers. For more information call 877-5302.
 Red Cross Georgetown and District requires volunteers to assist in Finance and Publicity, driving and First Aid instructions. For more information call Bernice at 877-5233.
 Alcoholics Anonymous can help. Call 877-1211 for more information.
 Canadian Mental Health Association, Halton Region Branch, needs volunteers for recreation programs on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings in Burlington, Oakville and Acton. For more information call Laura McCallum at 845-5044.
 The Salvation Army will pick up appliances in working order. For more information call 853-3323.
 Volunteer drivers for the Canadian Cancer Society, Georgetown Unit, needed to transport patients to and from the Princess Margaret Hospital in Toronto. Reimbursement for mileage will be paid. Please contact the Georgetown Unit's office at 164 Guelph St., Georgetown, between 1-4 p.m. daily, or call the cancer office at 877-1124.

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