

British/Canadian Club launches annual food drive

By KEN BAKER
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Once again this year, as well as participating in the Georgetown Santa Claus Parade, the Halton Hills British/Canadian Club will be accepting donations of non-perishable food items and new unwrapped toys to assist local organizations during their Christmas drives. Anyone wishing to make a donation may do so prior to the start of the parade at the George Kent Aluminum Products "Double-Decker" bus which will be located along Sinclair Ave. Members of the British/Canadian Club will attempt to pick up donations along the parade route and will remain after the conclusion of the parade in downtown Georgetown.

Members of the British/Canadian Club, both past and present, are invited to bring their children/grandchildren and ride on board the bus during the parade. The only bus fare will be a donation to the local food drive. Join in the true spirit of Christmas and give to those whose Christmas would otherwise be a less than joyous occasion.

For additional information or for those wishing to make a donation prior to the parade, please contact: Ken Baker at 877-0939.

BIG CATS RETURN

Spectators at this year's Georgetown Santa Claus Parade will be treated to a rather unusual and very special entry. Bill Valliere of The Endangered Animal Sanctuary will be returning to Georgetown in support of the Halton Hills British/Canadian Clubs' Xmas Food and Toy Drive being run, once again this year, during the Nov. 30th parade.

Since 1969 the EAS has provided facilities for endangered animals needing specialized care. They have run an animal rescue service for Metro Toronto and have consistently lobbied for more caring domestic and non-domestic bylaws. Educating the youth to the plight of the world's wildlife through educational programs both in the media and within the schools is a primary concern of the Sanctuary.

The EAS regularly lobbies Provincial and Federal governments to provide legislation on banning the sale and ownership of exotic pets and more humane laws that better represent the cruelty that is occurring.

For those who would like to learn more about the Sanctuary and its aims and who wish to see one of the creatures that the EAS is attempting to protect, stop by before the parade on Sinclair

Ave., or after the parade on James St. in downtown Georgetown. Bill and the EAS will be accompanying the double-decker bus of the British/Canadian Club.

When you drop by please consider donating a new unwrapped toy or non-perishable food stuffs to the British/Canadian Clubs food/toy drive. All

donations collected will be handed over to local organizations for distribution during the upcoming Xmas season to families within Halton Hills requiring assistance.



At a recent Halton Hills British/Canadian Club meeting held at the Royal Canadian Legion, presentations were made to several area businesses whose assistance enabled the club to host The Endangered Animal Sanctuary at this year's Georgetown Fall

Fair. Pictured above accepting signed wildlife prints from Dave Rutherford, club president, are Gary Elliott (right) representing Municipal trust and Phil Miller (left) of Miller's Scottish Bakery. (Photo submitted)

Parenting Tips

Georgetown Parent-Child Centre

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Most of us as parents recognize the importance of cultivating positive self-esteem and a positive self-image in our children. We know we should encourage, not discourage; give praise, not criticism; show acceptance not disappointment and so on. So why, in spite of our good intentions, good education, and good examples do we yell at our kids something like this: "Damn it, you just messed up again; can't you do anything right? Now I'll have to fix it up!" We know that a statement like that diminishes a positive self-image. It creates a sense of failure, incompetence and hopelessness in a child. Often after we blurt it out, it creates the same negative feelings in us as parents. So why do we do it?

a) It is a familiar pattern of behavior we learned in our childhood and carried into adulthood.

b) On some level of con-

sciousness, the message is not for our offspring, but rather for our personal inner child.

c) We have just had a fight with our spouse, and that is the person who has really disappointed us.

d) We have been up all night with the baby and we are just overtired.

Well the answer can be any of the above or any combination of similar factors. The point is, the better we have our own needs met, the better job we do as parents. Therefore the more insight we have into our own childhoods and relationships with our parents, the more capable we become. Similarly, the more support and cooperation from our partner, the better our own self-image, enabling us to impart better messages to our own children.

More about how to improve our own sense of competence and self-esteem next time.

Valerie Cunningham, a paediatric nurse in independent practice, offers a variety of parenting courses, workshops and private consultations. She may be reached at 877-6398.

Horticultural Society elections

The Acton Horticultural Society has begun its 1991-92 season with some new faces and a new president. Elections took place October 16/91. New president is Trina Virgin; 1st Vice President - Mike Vanbeek; 2nd Vice President - Max McSween. Directors are Mike Hatch, Lucy Pike, Marie Sallay, Joyce Pickles, Lorna Clarke, Phyllis Patrick, Mary

McKenzie and Doreen Boyle.

President-elect Trina Virgin expressed gratitude to Joan Waldie, past president, for her tireless efforts to improve the society. "We are entering our fourth year and Joan was instrumental in the Society's birth. We are glad to be part of the community and are happy our efforts are appreciated."

Next meeting is November 19, 1991, 7:30 p.m., Knox Presbyterian Church, Acton. Guest speaker will be Tom Cavan, a Herald columnist, of Cavans Garden Centre in Erin. He will also be judging the Christmas centre-piece and wreath contest. Everyone is invited to attend.

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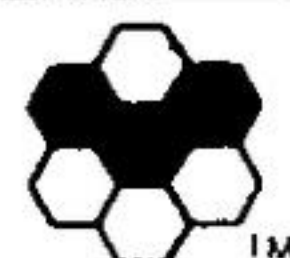
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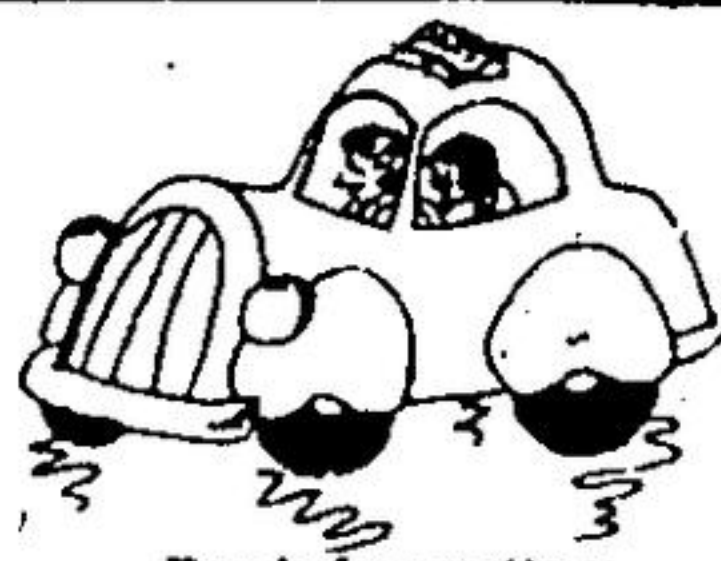
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