

1991 ends on a high note for MP

Well, the year is ending on a happy note for me; actually, lots of notes - the notes of O Canada!

I mentioned here a few weeks ago, that a constituent had called me last May with a great idea - revitalize the national anthem, recording it with Canada's top singers and then do the same with our best orchestral musicians. This radio disc jockey - Ross Carlin - infected me with his energy and enthusiasm, and for eight months we have been working on this project, along with two other great Canadians, Brian Lyon and Hayward Parrott.

My job was to go out and sell enough corporate sponsorships to finance the whole thing. After months of phoning and faxing, I managed to sell enough to finally get the project moving.

And at a news conference in Toronto, Ross, Brian, Hayward and myself were actually able to play the music, show an O Canada video, and announce the project was done.

Then things started to explode.

Newspaper stories published in Montreal and Ottawa lit up the phones of the O Canada Foundation, which we established to promote the national anthem. In case this sounds a tad grandiose, the phone is actually sitting in Ross' house, and call-forwarded to my office, where volunteers have been coming in to answer the calls. People are dialing our number (519-O CANADA) and ordering a copy of the new music.

Radio stations across Canada have been sent a copy and more than 250 agreed to play the new O Canada at noon on New Year's Day. The response has been enthusiastic and rewarding.

This week we are also mailing 14,200 copies of both versions of the anthem to every school in Canada. The postage on that mailing alone is over \$30,000 - and all this money, along with the other costs, is donated. This is a gift to Canada and its young people for the 125th birthday of our country.

Sounds corny, I know. But my

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involvement has returned to me some of that pride and patriotism which over the last few months has been rubbed off by the amazing cynicism which seems to be tearing down Canada.

After the press conference last week, I drove home, listening to the new anthem being played on the radio - it was quite an experience, after months of toiling away. The stress level had been intense, as the four of us scrambled to pay bills, meet commitments, woo the country's best singers into participating and ar-

range for everything from manufacturing compact discs to negotiating a television program contract.

But, against all odds, it all worked. And along the way we managed to employ about 100 musicians, keep a couple of factories open through an entire weekend and even give gainful work to a composer!

I hope you have an early chance to hear the music, and I

hope you like it. On a show which CFRB broadcast, seven of every 10 callers were very enthusiastic about the new anthem. The other three think there's something very wrong in messing with O Canada.

But, mess we did. Complete with a wailing guitar and the likes of Gino Vanelli, Luba, Rita MacNeil and Allannah Myles - all singing their hearts out for Canada.

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If you are a non-profit organization, service club or charity or church group and would like us to publish your community service announcement of community interest, call us at 877-2201 during regular office hours. There is no charge for this service to Halton Hills community groups. The deadline for submissions is Friday at Noon for publication for the following Wednesday. Deadlines will not be extended under any circumstances. Although we will do our best to print all announcements, space is limited and there are no guarantees of insertion.

Happenings

Amnesty International Christmas Cards are for sale. Support the human rights movement. Call Heather at 873-0633.

Are you expecting a baby this Spring? Halton Regional Health Dept. offers an information series for expectant parents. If your baby is due April, May or June, register now for the series by calling 877-2238.

Arts Alive is presenting The Second City Touring Company on Saturday, January 18, 1992 at the John Elliott Theatre. Tickets are \$15.00 each and are available at the Halton Hills Library and at Royal LePage, 170 Guelph Street.

In the market for a last minute stocking stuffer? Have you promised not to buy empty calories for your true love this Christmas? CMHA has the perfect solution. You can sit back, laugh and forget your troubles at a special Theatre Presentation of "Well Hello Follies". The Canadian Mental Health Association, Halton Region is hosting the cabaret style production, presented by Theatre Sheridan, on Thursday February 13, 1992. The theatre is set up with round tables for four, and wine and cheese is available. Tickets are \$18.00 per person (GST included) and a tax receipt is available for the donation portion of the ticket. Call 845-5044.

Georgetown Optimist Club are now planning Bang-O-Rama Victoria Day weekend. If interested in getting involved contact Optimist Sandy Booth 877-4569.

CENTENNIAL C.V.I. REUNION Guelph May 1-3, 1992. "Spartans, Come Home" for a fun-filled and nostalgic weekend.

Meetings

All former students and staff interested in receiving information are asked to forward their name, address to the school at 289 College Avenue, Guelph, Ontario N1G 1S9 "Attention: Reunite '92" or to call to register their interest at our Reunite '92 number (519) 824-1331.

Living With Cancer groups meet every second Thursday at the Canadian Cancer Society, Milton Branch, 751 Main St. E. at 7:30 p.m. For more information call 877-6228 or 878-1878.

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.

Special Needs Drop-In Centre of North Halton meets every Wednesday at the Acton Legion, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. For more info call Susan at 873-1534 or Jane at 853-1756.

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. Call Dave at 873-2934 for more info.

La Leche League of Georgetown and Acton meet at 7:30 p.m. 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 in-

formation call Sandra at 878-4732.

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

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 at 853-0331.

The Halton Hills Community Chess Club meets every Wed. from 7:10:30 p.m. in the Library of Georgetown District High School. Casual and tournament play available. For further information contact the school.

Acton Lions Club meet the 2nd and 4th Wed. 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.

Kiwanis Club of Georgetown meets every Wednesday at the Halton Golf and Country Club for a noon luncheon. For information contact John Schaljo at 877-5206.

Halton Hills Toastmasters meet Mondays at 7:30 p.m. at Glen Williams Town Hall. For more information call Don in Georgetown at 873-3954 or Paul in Acton at 853-3712.

Kinsmen Club of Georgetown meet every other Wednesday at the McGibbon Hotel at 7 p.m. For more information call Ron Lefebvre at 877-2370.

Lion's Club of Georgetown meets every Tuesday at the Lion's Hall on Mill St. behind the Arena at 7 p.m. For more information call Bill Mason at 877-7901.

The Rotary Club of Acton meets Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. at the Wooden Hearth Restaurant. For more information call Brian Robertson at 853-1653.

DON'T TRY TO LOSE WEIGHT ALONE! Let T.O.P.S. help you take off pounds sensibly. T.O.P.S. meets in Acton on Tuesday evenings 6:30 to 8:00, Acton Baptist Church or call Ely 853-3896 for more information.

Acton Al-Anon group will not be meeting Dec. 25 and Wed. Jan. 1, 1992. For further information contact Eleanor at 853-0331.

Annual Meeting Sat., Jan. 18, 1992, 2-4 p.m. at Community Room, Georgetown Police Station.

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.

Alcoholic Anonymous can help. Call 877-1211 for more information.

The Salvation Army will pick up appliances in working order. For more information call 853-3321.

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.

Halton Support Services is looking for mature individuals who are interested in contract positions working 4-15 hours per week teaching life skills to children with developmental handicaps. Instruction takes place in the child's home. If you are 18 or older call (416) 849-8000 for more information.

Big Brothers is looking for men 18 years or older to volunteer 4 hours a week to a young boy from a father-absent home. For more information please call 847-7267 or 878-4756.

Become a foster parent. Call Kim Elliott at 844-8211 and find out how. There's a child who needs you now.

Sitter needed for kindergarten child before school and after in River Dr. and John St. area. For more info call after 6, 877-0817.

Halton Sexual Abuse Program requires professionals interested in volunteering as counsellors locally in Acton in Jan. Info meeting Wed., Nov. 27, 8 p.m. at Acton Social Services and Information Services, 19 Willow St. N. Call Lin at 853-3310 for info.

Attention Seniors and Disabled. Help with snow shoveling available, for more information call North Halton Distress and Information Center at 877-1211.

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