

Become a mentor at Men as Career Coaches

In this fast-paced and ever-changing work environment, young men need access to adult role models who are willing to share their career pathways, encourage positive self-esteem and promote the goals and aspirations of youth.

To help foster this culture of mentorship, the Halton Industry Education Council (HIEC) is proud to present the third annual Men as Career Coaches (MACC) event on Thursday, February 23, from 6-9 p.m. at the Burlington Convention Centre. Registration and dinner begins at 5:15 p.m.

MACC is a free-to-attend intergenerational mentoring event that encourages community members to act as career coaches and discuss their goals, career paths, and accomplishments with younger generations.

This year's program features keynote speaker Joel Hilchey, the founder of The Beanstalk Project—a youth engagement initiative to promote global citizenship, develop youth leadership, and create positive social change. A man of many talents, Hilchey is an amateur actor, singer, juggler and magician, but most importantly an inspirational speaker who talks about how you can take 'intelligent risks' and find your career passion.

The event is open to all male high school students, Grades 9-12, and all male community members. This informal and interactive event encourages the entire community to play a role in reaching out to youth to provide information and resources that can help them make informed career decisions. MACC, and its sister event Women as Career Coaches, are both dedicated to building a culture of mentorship that will have lasting impact in Halton.

To make sure this great opportunity continues to be available to Halton's youth, HIEC is putting the call out to the community to register as a career coach and join its Community Challenge by contributing to this event as a sponsor or donor. There are many sponsorship levels available, starting from just \$25. These programs rely on financial support from community members and businesses that are passionate about the power of mentorship.

Go to www.hiec.on.ca/macc to register today and learn more.

The Women as Career Coaches (WACC) follows on Thursday, March 29 at the Burlington Convention Centre. Both events are free to attend and include a buffet dinner.

Business at the library

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This event will be held on Tuesday, February 14, from 2-4 p.m. Call 905-702-7311 ext. 109 to book your free one-hour appointment.

Income Tax Program

Volunteers will be available at Acton Library on Thursday, March 22, 4:30-7 p.m. to help people from low income households with their income tax returns. By appointment only. For information call 519-853-0301. The library is located at 17 River Street.

Starting a business?

A Halton Region Business Development Centre professional business consultant will be available at Halton Hills Public Library, Georgetown Branch (224 Maple Avenue) on Thursday, February 23, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. to help you start or expand your existing small business.

Appointments must be booked in advance. Register for a free one-hour consultation at 1-866-4HALTON or busdev@halton.ca

Resume Review

Are you getting as many job interviews as you would like? You can meet with an Employment Advisor from The Centre for Skills Development and Training at Halton Hills Public Library, Georgetown Branch (224 Maple Av-



The Business of the Month is...

TD Canada Trust, on Main St. Georgetown, was chosen as Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce Business of the Month for February. Accepting the honour were TD CT employees (from left) Sarah Fernandes, Debbie Morris, Customer Service manager Angela Tieri, Cathy Percival, Laura Reilly and Branch Manager Connie Pistilli. Chamber of Commerce representatives were Chair Kathleen Dills, Norm Paget and Wendy Farrow-Reed.

Photo by Ted Brown

Frankie Flowers to headline Mompreneur Showcase

Halton Hills Mompreneurs' second showcase will feature special guest Frankie Flowers (a.k.a. Frank Ferragine), national gardening expert and author of Canada's #1 gardening book, *Get Growing* and the newly released container gardening book, *Pot it Up!*

He reaches more than one million Canadians each week as the gardening expert for BT Toronto, CityLine and CityTV News, and also writes columns for *Canadian Living* and *Canadian Gardening*. His family business, Bradford Greenhouses, is one of Canada's largest combined greenhouse/garden businesses. He lives with his family in Innisfil.

The Halton Hills Mompreneur Showcase, presented by Achilles Mazda, takes place on Saturday, March 31, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Christ the King Secondary School in Georgetown.

This Spring Showcase features the talents of over 50 local, mom-owned businesses selling and educating the community about their products or services.

Doors open at 10 a.m., followed by remarks from Mayor Rick Bonnette and Economic Development Officer of Halton Hills, Doug Penrice, at 10:30 a.m.

Frankie Flowers will demon-

strate this season's hottest containers at 11:30 a.m., followed by a Q&A and book signing. One dollar from the sale of each book will go to the Showcase's Charity of Choice, Halton Habitat for Humanity.



FRANKIE FLOWERS

"As a mom and small business owner I recognize the daily challenges of building and marketing a business, while maintaining a positive balance at home," says Adina Ingram, owner of Halton Hills Mompreneurs. "An appearance by Frankie Flowers is not only a wonderful treat for our visitors and vendors, but it's a great testament to how far the Mom-

preneurs have come—to be recognized with the support of one of Canada's greatest household names."

Upon entering the Showcase, check out some of the latest 2012 models courtesy of Achilles Mazda, presenting sponsor and proud supporter of Halton Hill Mompreneurs. Inside, enjoy activities for the whole family provided by the Showcase sponsors including an edible activity by Caked On, a reptiles and critter exhibit by Safari Science, a bouncy castle by Par-T-Perfect, a video-gaming area by Game Machine, storytime by Kumon-Georgetown South and Bonfire Catering's wood-fired pizzas available for purchase. Additional sponsor support includes Gold Sponsors: Knowledge First Financial, Emily Krbec Photography, RONA Georgetown and Mums 'n Chums. Live-goods provided by Sheridan Nurseries, Georgetown.

The Halton Hills Mompreneurs supports the creative talents of the women of Rockwood, Georgetown, Acton and surrounding Halton Hills area, by showcasing their products and services, and providing them a platform for networking to grow their business. For more information visit: www.haltonhillsmompreneurs.com