

Halton North NDP elect new executive

Riding MPP Noel Duignan spoke to Halton North New Democratic Riding Association members at its annual general meeting April 23 about the positive accomplishments of the NDP government.

Laura Easdale, Thelma Hearn, Ken Hearn and Marty Caputo were elected to attend the Party's convention to be held in Hamilton June 19-21.

Officers elected to the executive of the riding association are: president Ken Hearn; vice-president

Marty Caputo; treasurer Alex Quaglia; corresponding secretary Morag Simpson; membership secretary Pat Heroux; vice-president (Acton) Allan Foster; vice-president (Georgetown) Jim Smith.

Members at large are: Robert Eagler, Thelma Hearn, John Nichols, Lucy Quaglia, Bill Chard, Sharon Foster, Laura Easdale, Joan Rayfield.

For more information, contact Allan Foster at 873-9921 (home) or (416) 494-4450 (office).

Meetings for disabled discuss strategic plan

A series of public meetings will be held for residents of Halton who have physical disabilities and are under 65 years of age, and their families.

The purpose of these meetings is to help a local committee develop a strategic plan for health, social services and related programs for persons with physical disabilities.

Anyone with physical disabilities is invited to attend these informal discussions and share their views on the following:

- Needs for service;
- The effect of funding constraints;
- The existing service system;
- Your vision for the future;

• The role of the disabled in planning.

The meetings will be held in the following accessible locations:

May 4, 2-4:30 p.m., Halton Hills Civic Centre, Committee Room, 1 Halton Hills Drive, Georgetown;

May 13, 6:30-9 p.m., Salvation Army Sanctuary, 114 Mill Street, Acton.

If you require further information, please contact Marlene Shrock, (416) 854-9929.

If you are unable to arrange transportation and need assistance, please contact Ellis Katsos, Director of Community Services, Social Services Department, Halton Region at (416) 825-6000, ext. 7148.



Hemy-Downs, located on Main St., Georgetown twirled and swirled their fashions in a show at Club 2000 April 18.

MP offers farm book

Halton-Peel MP Garth Turner has released a report to the federal government and to the farmers of Halton and Peel counties, entitled *The Family Farm and the Future*.

The 25-page report comes as a result of a meeting Turner held March 4 with area farmers concerned that the current system of supply management will disappear as a result of the GATT talks now taking place in Europe.

Turner met with Trade Minister Michael Wilson and Agriculture Minister Bill McKnight recently to press on them the concerns reflected in his report.

Among the suggestions contained in the report:

- Farmers must challenge inaccurate statements made against supply management in the media.

- There is a role for government to help marketing boards and producers communicate the benefit of supply management to consumers.

- Schools throughout Canada should have a compulsory course on how food is produced and marketed in Canada, so consumers can be better informed.

- Cross-border shopping is hurting our farmers; the government should consider measures to stop people from bringing back things like milk and cheese.

The report is being sent to those who attended the meeting, and local farm organizations. Free copies are available from Turner's office.

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