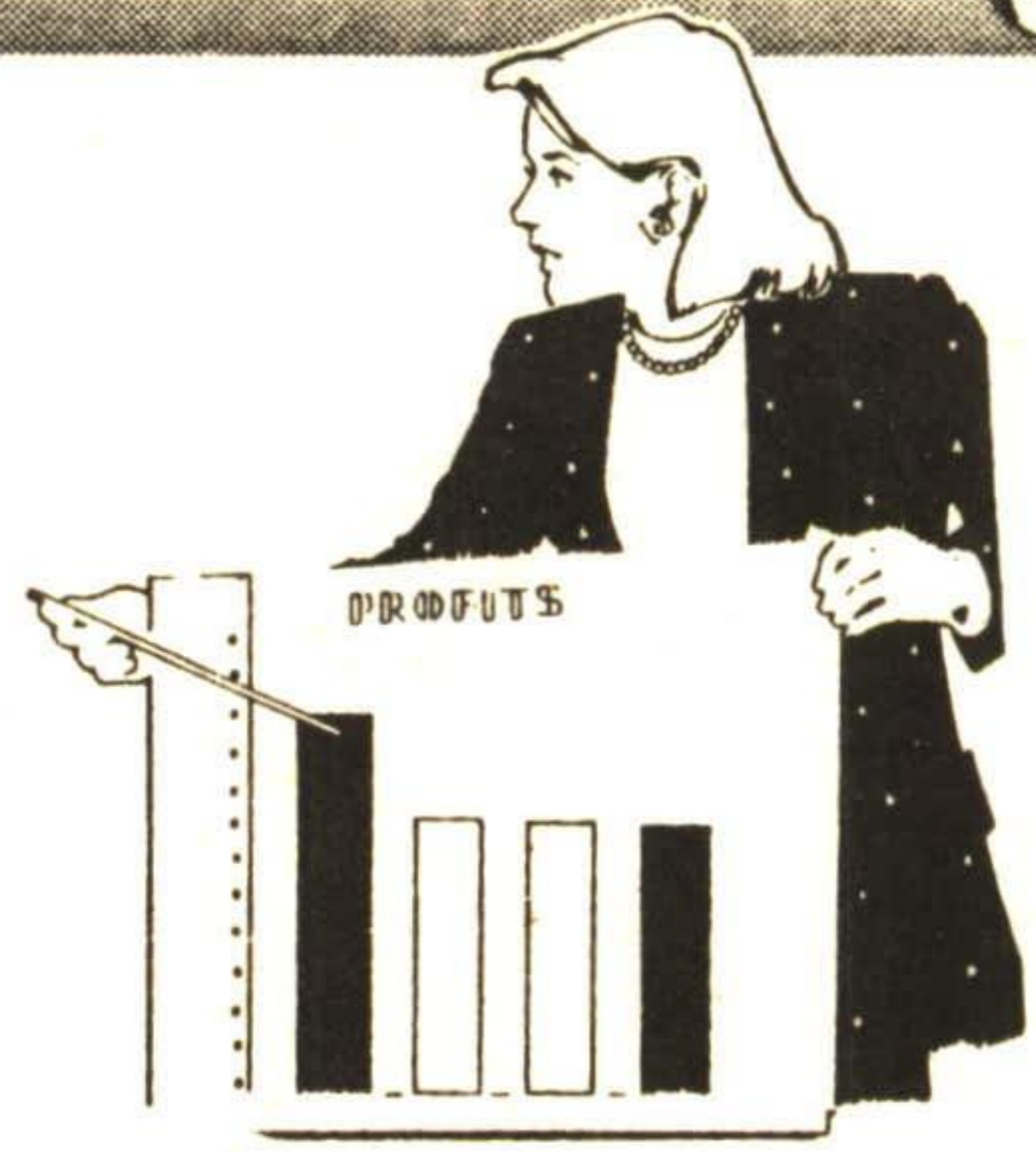




WOMEN IN BUSINESS



HEATHER KNAPTON ALLAN

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While many people find it tough holding down one career Heather Knapton Allan is successful at two.

Knapton Allan has been a well known resident of Acton for 10 years. Her philosophy is simple... 'A good interior design encompasses individual tastes, while providing functionalism and interest.'

Heather formed her interior design business six years ago as a freelance designer, with clients regularly calling on her for home consultation.

She has completed many successful projects over the years and last spring decided to take on a new challenge, purchasing "The Big Scoop Cafe." Many local residents

would recognize her as the 'chief scooper' where she can be seen in action again on March 15.

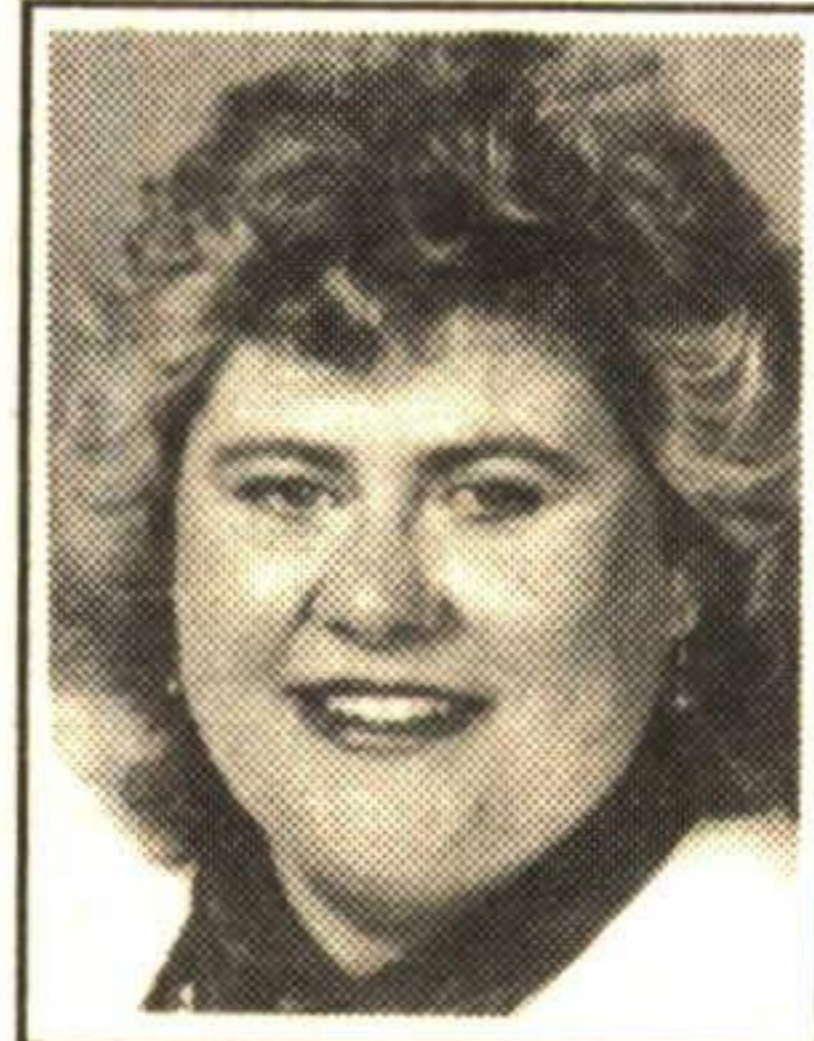
Heather wants The Big Scoop to be more than your average ice cream parlor. She looks forward to serving her customers, "old and new", a variety of hot foods from the grill, as well as homemade soups and sandwiches.

Last year Heather was pleased to accept the first place award for the commercial category in the Acton Horticultural Society Contest.

Heather also manages to find time for her favorite activities which include downhill and cross-country skiing, as well as curling.

Heather finds herself content with the way things are at present. She is happy with both businesses, and finds her husband to be a great source of support.

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DIANNE PENRICE

Dianne Penrice

Since 1987 Dianne's aim in real estate has been to provide the best possible service to her clients. In an industry where few who enter last more than a few years, this philosophy has provided to Dianne a steady increase in sales each year.

Few occupations today are as demanding as a real estate career, the public demands that agents be more knowledgeable and competent than ever before. Dianne's past experience in both business and her personal life has prepared her to meet the challenges that agents must deal with every day. Dianne worked in her family's business as a retail manager and secretary and her many activities in the volunteer sector have enabled her to deal effectively with all people. Real estate today is more than driving clients around to find the perfect home, but rather a complex business deal where the agent must be aware of contracts, financing plans, building construction and a myriad of government controls and regulations. Dianne through constant continuing education is able to provide to her clients the best possible service whether buying, selling or leasing.

Owning one's own home is every person's wish, make your dreams come true by calling Dianne Penrice, she is willing and eager to help you find the home that is right for you.

Dianne along with her husband Doug both work for Countrywide All-Pro Realty Inc. located at 328 Guelph St., 873-3377.

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TRUDY THOMAS

Trudy Thomas

After six years in the business, Trudy Thomas of Up, Up & Away still feels the excitement of helping people with their special events.

It all started when Thomas was visiting a hospital. She saw a balloon bouquet there, and decided to expand on the simple idea.

She soon found herself taking lessons from Robina Bernard, owner of the Toronto based Helium Hi's.

"In those days, balloon design was unheard of," said Thomas.

Since then, she has taken 15 courses in balloon art, and has created helium perfections like 747's, the Eiffel Tower,

and a carousel horse.

In addition to balloon creations, Thomas also does floral arrangements using both fresh and silk flowers. She provides full wedding packages, with bridal consultations for invitations, table wear, and wedding cakes.

Thomas has her masters degree in Balloon Design, so you can be guaranteed her work is of the finest quality.

Up, Up & Away also carries a nice selection of seasonal specials including Valentine's air bouquets starting from \$14.95.

A special package of love might be just the thing for your partner this Valentine's. Or for those upcoming weddings, brides can place their decoration worries into the skilled hands of Trudy Thomas.

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TERRY JACKSON

Terry Jackson

Terry Jackson, general manager for the Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce celebrated her first anniversary February 3, 1993 and says the position has been challenging, rewarding and a lot of fun.

"I've always worked for a board of directors and the public and I find the combination extremely satisfying," says Terry, who was an Acton councillor from 1979 to 1983.

"I was the first coordinator for the Acton Community and Social Services Department and before accepting my present position was the coordinator for a co-op housing complex in Brampton."

The focus of the chamber is to keep members informed on issues and legislation that affects businesses in the community and to promote the area for tourism and new industry.

"In the coming year I hope to provide more programs that present the opportunity to discuss relevant issues. Seminars and luncheons are the perfect vehicle for conveying our mandate to the community."

Terry moved to Acton in 1975 and is now a resident of Georgetown. "I love the community. I am a people person and enjoy addressing issues that directly affect the lives and enjoyment of the people I work and live with. I can't image anything more exciting."

To assist in her duties with the chamber, Terry has studied Canadian business law, psychology, and human resources.

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GLENDA TAAFFE

Glenda Taaffe

A big believer in childhood education, Glenda Taaffe has been operating Discovery Toys for almost two years. Her business promotes non-violent, non-sexist toys for all, from infants to adults.

Taaffe, a registered nurse in pediatrics, says she wants to give the best toys available to children.

After looking for a home business, Taaffe found she liked the philosophy of Discovery Toys, settling down with the franchise.

She does home shows in the surrounding areas, and also manages an additional five people.

The prices for the toys and games vary from \$2 to \$100 and Taaffe adds that Discovery Toys also provides games for adults.

You can upscale or downplay the games to suit the age group," said Taaffe. "It's nice because parents can play with their kids with games that interest them as well."

Taaffe says she buys the games herself, finding most everything she needs for gift ideas, or for toys for her children.

She also adds that the company is very supportive. She attends monthly, as well as annual, meetings, and says she feels that the company looks out for her.

An added bonus are the vacations she gains from working with Discovery Toys. "One year we went to Hawaii," she added.



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SHARON DUTTON

Sharon Dutton

Sharon Dutton began her musical career at the age of 10 as a self-taught pianist and in 1990 graduated from the University of Toronto, Faculty of Music, completing her Bachelor of Music, focusing on education.

Sharon is a founding member of the Halton Hills Music Teachers Association, which sets a high standard for instruction, and provides a network for local music teachers.

Today, she's passing her experience on to others as the director of the Halton Hills School of Music, a collective of professional teachers offering private instruction, group music and the study of theory.

At present the school is offering three programs: Orff Schulwerk, a comprehensive program that develops creativity and musicianship at the elementary level and is suitable for all children regardless of musical ability; Music For Fun, a preparatory music program for small children designed to provide a foundation for musical experience and Music in Motion, an innovative approach to internalizing musical understanding, based on Dalcroze techniques, and appropriate for any aspiring musician.

"The single most basic skill of the musician is listening. Skill and knowledge follows. I encourage parents to let their children experience the arts in all forms," says Sharon, who has been the music director for St. George's Anglican Church since September 1991.

For additional information regarding classes contact Sharon at 873-8141.

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