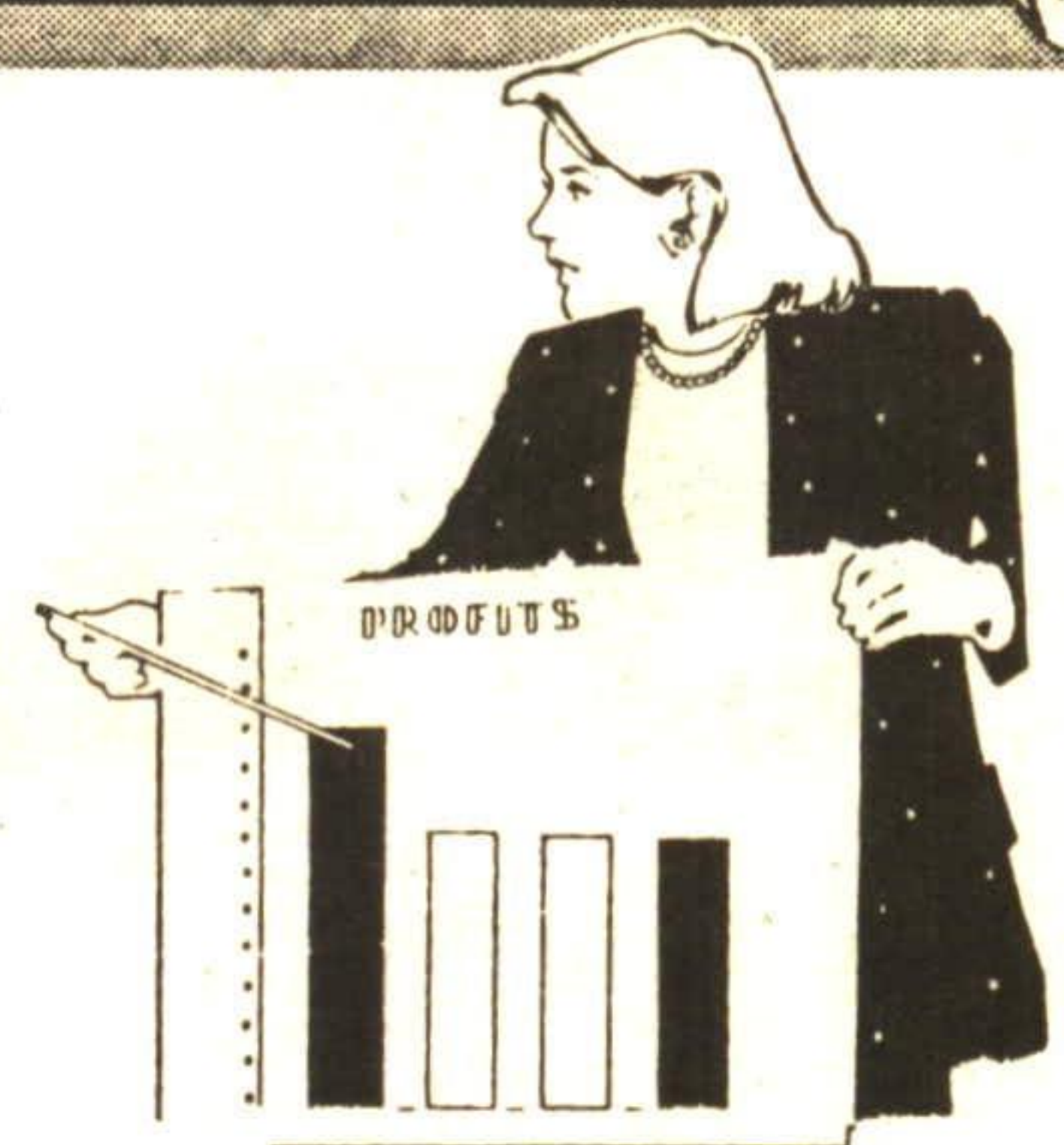




WOMEN IN BUSINESS



Dianne Skinner

Dianne P. Skinner, D.T. has been servicing denture wearers in Halton Hills for almost three years.

The owner and denturist of Skinner Denture Clinic, located on Mill Street in Georgetown, chose to make Halton Hills her home over several other communities and has since enjoyed a lot of success.

"I considered various towns in which to locate my practice, but after driving through Georgetown I felt comfortable here and decided this was where I wanted to be," says the honours graduate of George Brown College. "I really like the people in this community and I have surpassed my annual projections for all three years since opening. The business just keeps getting better."

DIANNE SKINNER

The Skinner Denture Clinic provides new dentures (both partial and full), as well as repairs, relines, rebases, softliners and cleanings. Free consultations, same day and emergency denture service are also offered.

For those with busy weekly schedules, the clinic is open Saturdays as well. Dianne contends that taking a personal interest in each customer is what it takes to succeed in the field and adds that "making and servicing dentures is an artistic skill and that helping people look and feel younger" is very rewarding.

Like her motto says, "If you like our service, tell someone — if you don't ... tell us."



SKINNER DENTURE CLINIC

Dianne P. Skinner, D.T. Denturist **877-8974**
72 Mill St., Downtown Georgetown



Nell Ramakers

Fifteen years ago, Nell Ramakers and her husband sold their hardware store in Holland and moved to Canada. After driving a school bus here for three years, Nell decided she loved life on the road and opened the doors of Nell's Driving School.

With 10 years of instructing under her seatbelt, Nell has helped hundreds of area students, from 16 to the more mature along the road to licensing.

Although Nell says it is a challenge keeping track of the Ministry's constantly changing guidelines, she is very pleased about the graduated licensing that will come into effect around the end of April.

NELL RAMAKERS

"It is definitely a good idea. The teenagers have no fear of their own mortality and they're often the ones who end up in the serious or fatal accidents. The two years of supervised driving puts the responsibility on the parents. Handing them the car keys after 24 hours in the class and 10 hours on the road is like playing Russian roulette. You may think that is a big comparison, but a car can kill."

Nell has had to be extremely patient and very flexible to make her business successful. She believes she has attracted more women to her course because she is a woman herself. In July she moved her driving school to the Downtown Market, her daughter Nathalie's venture.

NELL'S DRIVING SCHOOL



877-2671



Jane Leonard

Jane Leonard loves computers, and she wants you to feel the same way.

Her new business PC Classroom, an associate of its next-door neighbor Aztec Computers on Guelph Street, is already attracting people of all ages.

Right now, she offers classes in Microsoft Word, WordPerfect, Windows, DOS, and Excel. Each class runs for six hours during a day, or two evenings of three hours each. There are just six people in a class, each with their own comfortable chair and individual computer, not the networks that some schools provide.

JANE LEONARD

"We're soliciting local businesses to send their staff here. They can learn away from the work environment, with no phones to interrupt, and it's quiet."

Jane herself has a three year Computer Certificate from Sheridan College. Her instructors all have a minimum of 10 years experience in the business, and most do consulting or teaching elsewhere as well.

In coming months, Jane will offer Intermediate and Advanced classes, Corel Draw, networking, and modem instruction. Her prices are competitive, and if you buy your computer at Aztec, her classes are half price.

She welcomes children from age 10 and up, and has many senior clients as well, with their "chess games and gardening programs." She promises you'll come away feeling comfortable with your computer, just like them.

PC Classroom

873-2595

348 Guelph St., Unit 2B



Mary Vassiliou

Whether she's sewing a bridesmaid's dress or just raising a hem, Mary Vassiliou can make anything you wear look and fit right. With 29 years of experience, she's an expert seamstress and needleworker.

Trained by a dressmaker to the wealthy in her native Greece, she decided to go into business doing what she does best when she moved to Georgetown from Toronto four years ago. Tucked away in the Old Bank downtown, she works with industrial sewing machines and sergers to make suits, blouses, dresses, men's wear, and costumes in any fabric including leather and sheepskin.

MARY VASSILIOU

She can alter anything quickly and inexpensively, at prices which she says are better than the cleaners', and there's no tax on alterations or zipper insertions.

Many customers are referred by their friends, who admire Mary's beautiful and precise work. In one morning, she might be replacing a broken coat zipper, copying a favorite old vest in a new brocade fabric, and altering a purchased pink satin bridal dress that fits poorly. "I can do anything and everything," smiles Mary.

Mary's Dressmaking and Alterations has grown steadily since she opened. That's why the sign on the wall says "This business operates on the basis of service and referrals."

Mary's Dressmaking & Alterations

78 Main St. S., Downtown Georgetown

(In the Old Bank)

873-6028



Kim Bucke

If you're looking for a special outfit for a special child, drop into Kimberly's Kids Boutique in Georgetown's Downtown Market.

Kim Bucke offers a fanciful line of handmade children's clothing designed and produced right in her own home in Georgetown. Sized from newborn to 14, there are velvet party dresses, bright floral balloon pants with matching vests, and spiffy suits for little boys. Many of the boys' pants are reversible, with stripes perhaps on one side and airplanes on the other.

KIM BUCKE

A popular baby shower item is a tiny white undershirt and pants, trimmed with bow tie and special buttons for a tuxedo look. For older girls, there are Blossom hats to match granny dresses or jumper outfits. Everything Kim sews is washable and attractively priced. She's happy to do custom work, or to sew up a design in fabric you've bought yourself.

Soon Kim plans to add Marci Lipman casuals to her children's line, plus her own accessories such as hair trims, belts, and a variety of hats.

"I started out sewing for my own two daughters and for gifts," says Kim. "Then people began asking me to make things for them." Sharing space with three other business women in the Downtown Market seemed a perfect opportunity. She takes her turn in the store a couple of days each week, and spends the others at home sewing. "I've always wanted a children's clothing store."

Kimberly's Kids

(K.A.B. ENTERPRISES)

877-2198

Handmade Children's Clothes



Jean Cooper

Jean Cooper began as an interior designer in 1982, and four years ago decided to make a change and sell real estate.

Jean works at Johnston and Daniel in Cheltenham, only 15 minutes from Georgetown.

She specializes in selling property in Caledon, Erin and Mono.

"One of the things I love is being in a rural area and close to city and village life," she says.

Jean has two grown children, a son and a daughter, and has been living in the Caledon area for 22 years. She has been involved in the Belfountain Heritage Society, and has a special love of historical buildings along with a passion for antiques.

JEAN COOPER

Jean enjoys playing golf and taking yoga classes.

"I enjoy working with people and I do take pride in the work of matching people to property. My background in interior design has been a tremendous value to realize the potential of the property and what can be done," Jean says.

Jean has been in business in the area for 12 years and has been with Johnston and Daniel for three years.

The company is a member of the Toronto Real Estate Board and also the Brampton and Orangeville Real Estate Boards, which means that homebuyers listed with Jean get the utmost exposure.



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