

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29

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English Conversation Circle: 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Hillsview Active Living Centre, #9-318 Guelph St., Georgetown. For Syrian refugees to practice English, meet new friends, learn about programs and services and find volunteer opportunities. For more information, please contact Shinobu Yajima at (905) 842-2486 ext. 241 or email syajima@hmconnections.com

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30

Play Euchre: at the Acton Legion on Fridays: 7:15-9:45 p.m. (is all year round)

Euchre: at the Georgetown Legion on Fridays. \$2. All welcome.

Biodiversity and Habitat Exploration: Investigate what the signs are of the different wildlife are at the Eco-Centre. Come for a walk to learn how to recognize signs and tracks. Explore winter survival for you and local animals. Join in from 1-3 pm. Meet us at the open-air Pavilion. Access is off the Mary St parking lot (483 Guelph St.). Please visit willowparkecolgy.ca/ registration to sign up, and bring \$5/person.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31

Winter Bird Discovery: 1-3 p.m. at Willow Park Ecology Centre. Join in 2 hours of exploring nature while having winter fun in Willow Park Ecology Centre. Meet at the Pavilion, park in Mary St Lot (483 Guelph St.). Please bring \$5 per person. Sign up at willowparkecolgy.ca/registration.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

Bruce Trail Halton Hills Chap-

ter Hike: In the Terra Cotta Conservation Area. Medium Pace, moderate terrain, some hills and some poor footing. Start the new year with a 6 to 8 km hike. We'll meet 10:00 a.m. at the Georgetown Market Place parking lot south of the Medical Building OR at 10:20 a.m. on Tenth line parking area at the Bruce Trail crossing. Bring lunch, water, warm clothing and suitable boots for the weather conditions. Hike Leader: Paul 905-877-1294 pvanhanen@sympatico.ca

MONDAY, JANUARY 2

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly): 6:15-7:15 p.m. St. Joseph Church, (back entrance), 64 Church St. E., Acton. TOPS offers tools and programs for healthy living and weight management, with group fellowship and encouragement at a low cost. You're welcome to attend your first meeting free of charge bring a friend if you like. There's no obligation. Info: www.tops.org or 519-853-1189.

Cribbage: Come out to the Hillsview Active Living Centre-Georgetown, 318 Guelph St. Mondays, 7-9 p.m. and play and have fun playing cribbage. Everyone welcome: \$2/member, \$4/non-member.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3

The Palette and Pencil Guild of Credit Valley Artisans: meets every Tuesday afternoon from 12:30-3:30 p.m. for Open Studio and once a month on the last Tuesday evening of the month at 7 p.m., at The Cottage in The Cedarvale Park, Georgetown. Come and paint in your favourite medium with other local artists. For more information please email: sheila@creditvalleyartisans.ca

TOPS: Take Off Pounds Sensibly will host their weekly meeting at 6:30 p.m. at St. Andrews United Church, 89 Mountainview Rd. S., Georgetown. Info: www.tops.org

Life as a Missionary with the Papua: CFUW presents John Wilson, the author of In Other Worlds, a memoir about his time as a missionary in Papua, Indonesia from 1971-90. Come and listen as John reveals what it was like to live among a remote tribal group with his wife Gloria and three sons. From establishing a church to creating a literacy program, his story is unlike any other. Please join us at the Georgetown Public Library, 9 Church St. at 7:30 pm.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4

Georgetown Yarn Sip N Stitch: Every Wednesday from 1-3 p.m. we have a drop in social. This is open to yarn crafters of all skill levels. Bring your current project and come for a fun afternoon of stitching and socializing. Always free. 170 Guelph St.

Acoustic Jam: at the Shepherd's Crook on Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Players, singers of all levels welcome.

Halton Hills Men's Basketball League: offers both competitive and recreational play every Wednesday at 7 p.m. and at 8:30 p.m. at Christ the King Secondary School in Georgetown until April. Minimum age is 21. Cost is \$60. For more information contact Victor Estevan at 905-873-8188.

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Bruce Jeffrey Davison PH.D.
Jeffrey Davison and Joan Cornfield are proud to announce that their son Bruce has recently received his Ph.D. in Hydrology from McGill University.
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- Have people try to get your attention before they start to speak to you.

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