

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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TUESDAY, DEC. 16

Merry Christmas Storytime: 7 p.m. at the Acton library. Families with young children are invited to celebrate Christmas with stories, hot chocolate, cookies and songs. Free tickets are available beginning Dec. 2. Register: 519-853-0301.

Christmas Sing-a-long: 7:30-8:30 p.m. at Knox Presbyterian Church, 116 Main St. S., Downtown Georgetown. Featured musicians: Failte Stephen Todd, Jessica Weiler and Brian Crozier, soprano Madeleine Lake. Enjoy a wonderful fun, free, and casual evening out singing your favourite Christmas songs. Info: 905-877-7585.

Georgetown Geeks & Gamers: Are you interested in discovering fun and social strategy games like Settlers of Catan or Magic the Gathering? If so, Georgetown Geeks and Gamers is the group for you. Whether you're new to gaming or a longtime fan, you'll enjoy this chance to share games and good company. This is a drop-in adult & teen (14+) program, offered 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Halton Hills Public Library, Georgetown Branch. Info: www.hhpl.on.ca or call 905-873-2681 ext. 2511.

ONSCREEN: Culturally Rich Films: *Tim's Vermeer*, 7:30 p.m. at the John Elliott Theatre. Tim Jenison, a Texas-based inventor, attempts to solve one of the greatest mysteries in all art: how did 17th century Dutch Master Johannes Vermeer ("Girl with a Pearl Earring") manage to paint so photo realistically 150 years before the invention of photography? The epic research project Jenison embarks on to test his theory is an extraordinary

as what he discovers. Documentary. Rated PG. Tickets in advance at the Box Office, 905-877-3700, www.haltonhills.ca/theatre.

TOPS: Take Off Pounds Sensibly meets weekly in groups in Acton and Georgetown. Info: www.tops.org or Carol Harper, charper3@cogeco.ca, 905-877-7056.

Halton Hills Concert Band: Love to play music and have fun? Ages 13+, brass, woodwind, and percussion players welcome. Weekly rehearsals on Tuesdays, 7:15-9:30 p.m. at Academy of Music, 330 Guelph St., Unit 9. Info: www.haltonhillsconcertband.com, 905-873-6144 (Roper Galloway).

Tuesday Evening Free Art Sessions: 7-9 p.m. in Cedarvale Park Cottage. Free to all ages (under 12 requires adult accompaniment) and all levels. Bring own art supplies. Info: Jane, 905-455-8550.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 17

Movie Night: *Guardians of the Galaxy* at the John Elliott Theatre. Bradley Cooper and Chris Pratt star in this film about a group of space criminals who must work together to stop the fanatical villain Ronan the Accuser from destroying the galaxy. Rated PG. Begins at 7:30 p.m. at the John Elliott Theatre. Tickets are \$5 and available at the Box Office.

Volunteer Placement: Would you like to provide a needed service, solve a problem, advance a worthy cause or look for personal development? Maybe you would like to make contacts, learn new skills, or gain valuable work experience. Specialists from Volunteer Halton will be at Halton Hills Public

Library, Georgetown Branch, 2-6 p.m. (and at the Acton Branch on Thursday, Dec. 18, 2-6 p.m.) Volunteer Halton links people who want to volunteer with organizations that need volunteers.

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

Glen Williams Seniors Drop-in Group: Wednesdays, 12-3 p.m. at St. Alban's Parish Hall, Glen Williams. Open to all seniors in the Halton Hills area, fellowship and games. Cost is \$1 per week. Bring a bagged lunch.

THURSDAY, DEC. 18

Merry Christmas Storytime: 7 p.m. at the Georgetown library. Families with young children are invited to celebrate Christmas with stories, hot chocolate, cookies and songs. Free tickets. Register: 905-873-2681 ext. 2520.

A Quiet, Reflective Christmas Service: 7:30 p.m. with Rev. John Read, Norval Presbyterian Church, and Rev. Sue Nicoll's St. Paul's Anglican Church, 14 Adamson St. South, Norval. All welcome! Refreshments!

Free Counselling for Youth: The Elizabeth Fry Society offers free counselling for Acton youths (aged 12-24) on Thursdays at Halton Hills Public Library, Acton Branch, 17 River Street. Please call 289-233-1871 for more information and to book an appointment.

Norval Guyz Group: meets Thursdays at 6:30 a.m. at Norval United Church. Come or some lively discussion and company. Info: George, 905-702-0679, g-smith@sympatico.ca.

Halton Hills Men's Basketball League offers both competitive and recreational play every Thursday, 8:15 p.m. at Christ the King High School in Georgetown until April 16. Minimum age is 21. Info: Victor Estevan, 905-873-8188.

Georgetown Music-town Open Mic: 9 p.m. Thursdays, at Uncorked on Main, 72 Main St. S. in Georgetown. Come one, come all for a chance to share your musical talents. Live PA available. Solo, duo, trio, instruments and prerecorded backing are all welcome. Info: www.GeorgetownMusictown.com

Try Lawn Bowling: A way to put off the winter blues and prepare for the next summer season of bowling, come out to the Milton indoor soccer arena, 821 Main St. E. in Milton, and try your hand at lawn bowling every Tuesday and Thursday, 1-3 p.m. Cost is only \$7.

Family Church: First, third, fifth Thurs. at 5:30 p.m. at St. Alban the Martyr Church, 537 Main St., Glen Williams. A family service tailor made for young children— short, active, teaching basics of the faith and followed by dinner! Done by 6:30 p.m., in time for everyone to get home and into the bedtime routine. Cost: \$5/family to cover dinner.

FRIDAY, DEC 19

Optimist Texas Hold'Em: every third Friday of the month. Registration 6:30 p.m., game 7 p.m. sharp at the Optimist Hall, Hwy. 7, past 22 Sideroad.



Tickets \$50. Call John, 905-877-2931.

Celtic Christmas: Let the GBC and guest handbell artist Barbara Cooper set the mood for Christmas just right, with the best in food, decor, music and delight, 8 p.m. on Dec. 19, 20, 21 at 157 Main Street, Georgetown. Tickets \$45 in advance only. Check availability at www.georgetownbachchorale.com or Foodstuffs, 89 Main St. S., 905-877-6569; Pat's Prime Cuts & Deli, South Georgetown Centre, 333 Mountainview Rd. S., 905-873-0352; The Holland Shop, 71 Mill St. E., Acton, 519-853-0950.

SATURDAY, DEC. 20

Ed Sullivan: Caravan of Stars: 8 p.m. at the John Elliott Theatre. This unique tribute show celebrates the legendary variety program that ran on CBS-TV from 1948 to 1971 and was hosted by New York entertainment columnist Ed Sullivan. Tickets \$32. Info/tickets: www.haltonhills.ca/theatre

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