### **FRIDAY, MAY 15**

May Madness youth event: 6:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Acton Town Hall Centre. Come join us for an evening of mingling, pizza and inspirational performances and speeches. We'll be finishing the evening with a dance that you can't miss! Admission: \$12/person \$20 for 2 or \$15 at door. Info: events@inspirehalton.ca

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#### **SUNDAY, MAY 17**

Bruce Trail Halton Hills Chapter Hike: Medium pace, moderate terrain, south of Hockley Valley approximately 10 km loop hike. Depart at 10 a.m. from the Georgetown Market Place parking lot, south of the medical building, east of Walmart. Dropout points along the way. Dress for the weather, hiking boots required, bring adequate water/snacks/lunch and bug repellent. Hike Leader: Sara, 289-890-0439 saramaedel@hotmail.com

#### **SATURDAY, MAY 23**

49th Annual Chicken Barbecue: 4-7:30 p.m. at Huttonville Public School (Embleton Rd., west of Mississauga Rd.) Call 905-873-7211 to reserve your tickets. This annual event is hosted by Norval United Church.



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By Cory Soal R.H.A.D.

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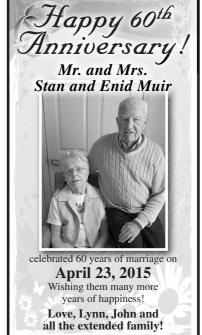
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() My teeth feel nice after a professional cleaning, but am I really healthier for it?

A At Young Dentistry most of our day is spent battling invisible enemies. Some might say people like us should be institutionalized. But before you call the authorities, please hear me out. The enemies we are after are microscopic bacteria, and they are living in the dental plaque and tartar that gets removed at your cleaning. These single-celled jerks produce foul smelling byproducts and acids that can damage teeth. On top of that, your body's natural defense system knows they are trouble and reacts with inflammation wherever your gums are contacting bacterial plaque. Have you ever had gums that were puffy, red or bled when you flossed or brushed normally? You, my friend, have experienced gingivitis (aka inflamed gums). Short periods of gingivitis are not going to hurt you, but when it exists for weeks or (gasp!) months it can damage the bone that supports the roots of your teeth. This is called periodontitis (aka gum disease). Can we all agree that more bone is better than less? Bone loss can create gum recession or deep pockets between the gums and the teeth which then can collect more plaque. Lots of bone loss can increase the risk of not having any teeth left. Surely, you say, like my hair after a bad cut, it will grow back? Wellll... let's talk about that next column.

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What is emotional resilience?

When someone is said to have resilience, they display the ability to bounce back despite challenge or adversity. Resilient people are able to utilize their skills and strengths to cope and recover from problems both great and small. These can be anything from job loss and financial difficulties to illness or the death of a loved one. Originally an engineering term, Resilience is knowing how far you can push things without breaking them.

Emotional resilience looks at how far we can bend before we break and how far we can stretch before we can no longer go back to our original state. Those who lack emotional resilience may become overwhelmed by experiences that leave others unscathed. These individuals are often slower to recover from life's challenges and may experience higher levels of psychological distress. They may dwell on problems or resort to unhealthy coping mechanisms to deal with the challenge.

There are things we can do to increase our emotional resilience. How you replenish yourself with getting enough sleep, food, exercise, and fun are crucial to increasing emotional resilience. Being well supported by a caring social network also feeds our emotional resilience.

If you believe that your emotional resilience is at a low point, consider working with a therapist to acquire new strategies and tools.

Manon Dulude has created some exercises to help you strengthen your resilience. They will be posted weekly on her website. If you want to learn more, visit http://www.forgecoachingandconsulting.com/ ManonDuludePersonalSolutions/ResilienceCoaching/tabid/196/ Default.aspx