

# Georgetown student heads for United Nations

The public-speaking and essay-writing skills of 16-year-old Tina Cosgrove of Georgetown have won the Grade 12 Georgetown and District High School student a trip to the United Nations (UN) in New York. Tina said last week she's both excited and looking forward to her 10-day trip which began Tuesday when she joined a busload of other Canadian students participating in the United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth.

Last year, Mrs. King, as chairman of the UN Pilgrimage for Youth of Ontario for Rebekahs and Oddfellows, reinstated the project in Georgetown. Richard Cook of Georgetown won the UN trip last summer.

This year, local participants were asked to write an essay entitled, "What the UN means to Me." Later, they were required to present their essay as a speech in front of three judges. Tina was named this year's winner in April.

Asked by Halton Hills This Week how she won the trip, Tina said, "I just put into my own words the thoughts I have about the UN and its main reasons for recognition in the world."

Tina added that she has never been on an extended trip to the United States before; she has only gone on short shopping trips. She fully expects to learn a lot on the tour, which will take her and the other students to several cities before arriving at the UN site in New York. Stop-overs along the way will be made at: Binghamton, N.Y.; Gettysburg, Pa.; Washington, D.C.; Wilmington, Delaware and Philadelphia, Pa.

The stay in New York City will last for five days, with Tina scheduled to come home on July 17.

The bus, which started its trip in Manitoba, left the Georgetown Odd Fellows and Rebekah Hall Tuesday morning with 18 students on board. Tina is the only Georgetown participant in the trip.

The bus will continue across Ontario, picking up additional riders until there are 42 students headed for the UN. The expenses for the students' trip will be covered by

Oddfellow or Rebekah Lodges in communities across Canada. In Tina's case, the Verdun Rebekah Lodge of Georgetown will pay the expenses.

Jean King, a member of the Verdun Lodge, said the UN pilgrimage has been going on for more than 40 years. The local Rebekahs sponsored students for the trip about 20 years ago but then discontinued their involvement.



Jean King, left, a member of the Verdun Rebekah Lodge of Georgetown and 16-year-old Tina Cosgrove met last week at the Oddfellows Hall in Georgetown to discuss the itinerary for Tina's trip to the United Nations. The Georgetown and District High School student left Tuesday on a 10-day trip which will include a five-day stopover in New York.

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Public Health Nurse Maggie Connolly presents awards to Dianne Rainbow (left) and Paulette Macdonald (right), who were both winners of the Halton Regional Health Department's Pioneer Days draw. This year the Health Department was stressing stress as the theme. Rainbow and Macdonald received a relaxing dinner, and soothing massage, respectively.

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