

D.A.R.E. program well received

By Rosaleen Garneau

At Holy Cross School last Wednesday afternoon, 96 proud students from three Georgetown schools - Holy Cross, St. Francis of Assisi and Sacre Coeur - received certificates of achievement in completing curriculum in D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education).

The D.A.R.E. program was developed in 1983 by the Los Angeles Police Department and the Los Angeles Unified School District to help children say no to drugs. It was so successful it spread across the United States and then to Oakville in 1989 through a combined effort of the Rotary Club and the Halton Regional Police Service.

According to information from the D.A.R.E. Foundation "As of January 1993, with the cooperation of both the Halton Board of Education and the Halton Roman Catholic School Board, 6,700 Grade 6 students have successfully completed and graduated from the D.A.R.E. program in Halton." It was evident the graduating students last Wednesday were appreciative of what they had learned and proud to declare their participation in the program by sporting D.A.R.E. T-shirts.

The group of young people and relatives attending the ceremony were addressed by Constable Flaming, who had taught the 17-week program at St. Francis and Sacre Coeur. He said he wanted to impress upon the graduates that they have been provided with "life skills for the future" and it was up to them to make good decisions.

He pointed out their decisions affect not only themselves but they are "role models for brothers and sisters and young people who look up to you".

The respect shown by the students for their peers as they presented what they had learned from the program through speeches, raps and a skit, and the quality of the presentations themselves, demonstrated the likelihood these graduates will be good examples indeed to those who follow, perhaps even to some ahead.

The program consists of 17 one-hour segments and uses a variety of techniques to teach self esteem, drug awareness, the influence of the media, and methods of saying no when approached to use drugs.

A D.A.R.E. officer is given 80 hours of specific instruction and Constable Kartz, enjoying her first year as a D.A.R.E. officer, taught the program at Holy Cross.

She said it was sometimes diffi-

cult to tell in the classroom what was being absorbed but the essays, poems, raps, etc. which are written at the end of the program provide "great feedback" and the students "really take in a lot".

Each graduating student received a certificate and shook hands with a panel of guests including the two D.A.R.E. officers. Acting Inspector Dan Okuloski (Halton Regional Police), Danielle St. Aubin (D.A.R.E. Foundation), Lou Piovesan (H.R.C.S.S. board), and Mr. Black (principal, St. Francis).

Constable Flaming thanked Tim Horton's for supplying Tim Bits for the crown, Burger King for the juice, and Stock Transport for providing free transportation for St. Francis students.

The D.A.R.E. Foundation continues to be supported by the Rotary and other service clubs. It would welcome any contribution to help extend service to other schools. It can be reached through the Halton Regional Police Service, 825-4777.



Don Schenk and Ann McIntyre were honored by local realtors at a retirement party at North Halton Golf and Country Club. Don had worked for 25 years as a real estate sales representative, most recently with Countrywide All-Pro Realty in Georgetown and Ann worked as an associate broker for 20 years, most recently with Royal LePage in Georgetown. photo by Simon Wilson/HHTW



The Royal Canadian Legion

Lt. Col. G.B.S. Cousens Branch No. 120
127 Mill Street, Georgetown

CANADA DAY PARADE

Glen Williams, July 1st

Dear Parade Participant:

Again this year, the Village of Glen Williams will host a Canada Day celebration along with the assistance of Branch 120, Royal Canadian Legion.

The day will begin with a parade at 12:00 noon and as in past, no admission will be charged and all entertainment is free.

We are expecting several thousand people to attend. To help make this day a success, we invite you or your group to be in the parade. Please indicate if you are a Band, Float, Car or just marching.

This year, the parade will assemble on Thursday, July 1, 1993 at the parking lot across from Preston's on Wildwood Road. If you plan to be in the parade, please arrive no later than 11:15 a.m.

The route will be down Beaver Street, to Alexander Street, to Confederation Street, to St. John's United Church.

Entry forms are included and must be sent to my attention before June 21, 1993.

**Thank you,
Keith D. Ewing,
Sgt. at Arms**

FALL IN: 11:15 A.M. SHARP
Branch Tel.: 877-4413
K. Ewing: 873-1209

GO bucks

Transportation Minister, Gilles Pouliot has announced that GO Transit has advanced CN Rail another \$1.4 million to continue planning GO rail expansions.

Included in the work CN is carrying out are GO Train service expansions on the Richmond Hill, Georgetown and Stouffville lines, as well as accessible GO Train service for passengers with disabilities.

CN's Transit Expansion Office was established in April 1990 to handle GO's multi-pronged expansion program. This will bring Provincial funding of this office to \$10.1 million since 1990.

CN operates six of GO's seven rail lines under contract to GO.

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Attention: Keith D. Ewing
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PARADE REGISTRATION FORM

(before June 21)

Name of Group/Organization:

Contact Person: Tel.:

Address:

Postal Code: