

### Act of the Imagination

Milton Players Theatre Group presents Act Of The Imagination by Bernard Slade, directed by Sharon Beddoes at the Senior's Activity Centre, 500 Child's Dr., Milton. February 8 - Refreshments & Show at 8 p.m. tickets \$12.00; February 9 (sold out), February 14 - Show only at 8 p.m. tickets \$12; February 15 - Dinner & Show, Doors open 6:30 p.m., Dinner 7 p.m., Show 8:15 p.m. tickets \$30, February 16 (sold out). Tickets available at Delacourt's downtown Milton or call 905-875-0629.

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## Water conservation needs publicity

by Tunde Oro-Harris

Protect Our Water and Energy Resources annual general meeting (winter 2001), received valuable information regarding the "water crisis" from guest speaker Rae Horst, General Manager of the Credit Valley Conservation (CVC) Authority.

First, the maximum estimated development a watershed can carry in a sustainable manner is 15-30 per cent and the CVC watershed is at about 20 per cent now, with a significant increase in population expected by 2020.

Further, regarding lake water resources, only one per cent of the water in the Great Lakes is renewable. The rest is historical water, which means it is left over from the last ice age. Consequently, if more than the one per cent renewable water is removed, lake levels go down.

These facts and a letter from Tom Muir recently sent to Regional Chair Joyce Savoline, and POWER Chair Barbara Halsall, are the reasons POWER will push full throttle for the Region to address and allocate resources to a Regional water conservation plan.

Mr. Muir, through the Canada Centre for Inland Water, conducted studies on water conservation in Halton Region 10 years ago. An abundance of time and money were spent but it appears, at present, that Halton's approach is to conduct more studies.

For example, a Household

Guide to Water Efficiency has been distributed and its effectiveness evaluated. Over the last 15 years the CVC performed water budget and watershed studies and found 60 per cent of the budget is already allocated. But the estimated sustainable budget is 50 per cent. Hence, the time is now to adopt water conservation as water is a limited resource.

"Why not look to the Region of Waterloo for direction as they have developed an extensive and comprehensive water conservation program," said Ms. Halsall.

Roger D'Cunha, Waterloo Region's Coordinator of the Water Efficiency Group communicated Waterloo's approach. In the short term they have a water efficiency master plan. While the long term plan is to find more ground water, manage their water through efficient aquifer storagerecovery, and eventually include lake resources.

Their evaluation criteria included cost, implementation, water quality and quantity, environmental impacts, level of control the Region has, etc. Examples of their conservation program include: low flush toilet replacement, curriculum roles, lobbying, public education, funding from local council and government, industry and household water use reduction programs.

Some may see water conservation as a double-edged sword but whether we conserve or not, there

will be population growth and a need for more water. Therefore, water conservation as per Waterloo's approach is an obvious choice toward "smart growth" and sustainable human urban centres.

Water conservatives believe our Regional and municipal governments need to allocate resources to deal with these issues. Both private and public sectors have vested interest in maintaining our water supply for current and future generations.

For more information, and opportunities to participate in ensuring you have a healthy water supply refer to [www.hhpl.on.ca/signs/power/](http://www.hhpl.on.ca/signs/power/).

The 2002 POWER Board Members are: Barbara Halsall, Bill Gassner, Doris Treleaven, Dianne Anderson, Mike Davis, Read Whatmough, Susan Cox, Leslie and Jasmin Adams, Joan Cornfield and Pat McCarthy.

From POWER's Trees 2000 project arose a reference book called, *Planting the Seed, You Can Do It Too*, refer to the website for more information. Other 2002 POWER projects include Niagara Escarpment protection by opposition to the proposed Dufferin Aggregates expansion, collaboration with HOPE (Healthy Options for People and the Environment) and a "Wild Corner" signage program for naturalization funded by the Canada Trust Friends of the Environment.

## Valentine's Day gala to help trauma centre

by Donna Danielli

Kick up your heels, have some fun and help out a worthy cause at the same time.

The Halton Trauma Centre presents its third annual Valentine's Day Gala on Saturday, February 9 at the Rattlesnake Point Golf and Country Club.

"We've tried to make this a different event, something unusual," said fundraiser Robin Atkinson. "This isn't a traditional sit at a table, all night gala. Each different room offers a different theme.

"There's a cigar room, a room with a D.J. for dancing, a wine tasting room, courtesy of Scotch Block Wineries, and a room with a jazz band, accompanied by Sandra Margolese from the Canadian production of Phantom of the Opera. There's really something for everyone."

There will be a cash bar but all ticket holders will be offered either a complementary glass of champagne at the beginning of the

evening or a specialty coffee later in the evening.

The Halton Trauma Centre offers crisis intervention counselling and group counselling to abuse victims and survivors. Crisis intervention counselling involves one-on-one counselling with an abused child and family members, while group counselling is available for adult survivors, male and female, adult offenders, adolescent offenders and adolescent victims.

"Statistics show that one in three females, and one in five males are abused physically, sexually or emotionally before the age of 16," said Executive Director Darryl Hall. "Many of these victims fail to disclose the abuse. Even in this day and age, abuse is seen as a closed door issue."

At this time, The Halton Trauma Centre offers limited programming in Milton and Georgetown but has applied for funding from the United Way and the Healthy Communities Fund to open satellite offices in Milton and Georgetown.

Tickets for the Valentine's Day Gala are \$100 each and a \$50 tax receipt is available.

For more information, please call 905-825-3242 or e-mail [fund@haltontraumacentre.com](mailto:fund@haltontraumacentre.com).

Have a great time supporting this very worthy cause.

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