



Photo by BRENDA MATHIES

## Primary Carol Sing

Jason Earl, Christine Keller and their class sang "Rock Around the Christmas Tree" even though technical difficulties created an additional challenge for the young performers. All of the primary classes of Brookville Public School entertained a great number of their families and friends at the annual Carol Sing during the cold evening of December 10.

## Tooth Chatter



by ALEX TRENTON, DENTURIST

### Fear of Dental Visits?

If you're apprehensive about going to your dental professional you're certainly not alone. It's been estimated that 3 out of 4 people suffer from some form of dental anxiety or fear.

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# The Reader's Nook

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The Milton Public Library is excited to announce the addition of a second Book Club by popular demand.

Adults will meet the last Thursday of every month, either in the morning or afternoon excluding summer months, beginning in January 2003. Book Club members meet to discuss in an informal setting.

A variety of reading interests are represented: contemporary and popular, classics, international authors. Members take turns leading the discussion with reviews and biographical information on the author provided by the library.

The first four books have been chosen for you beginning with *House of Sand and Fog* by Andre Dubus III, then your input will be requested for further selected readings that the library will provide. Admission is free. Limited to 10 members. Please contact the Information desk at the Milton Public Library 905-875-2665 ext. 3263 for more information.



TRACEY MCGRATH  
 Sr. Consultant, Investors Group

Dear Tracey:

My New Year's Resolution for 2003 is to increase our Net Worth for me and my family. We always pay our bills on time and contribute to our RRSP's by the end of February, but we never seem to get ahead financially. I have no idea on where to start, it seem's like such a daunting task, but one I know needs to happen.

Signed,  
 Happy New Year

Dear Happy New Year:

Comfort, Security and Freedom from the worry that you will out live your savings and provide your family with everything you dream, is what Financial Planning is all about. No matter who you are, or how old you are, you have a lifestyle that you want to improve or at least maintain. Financial Planning is not really a cold blooded, penny pinching exercise in dollar signs. In fact, it's a warm and humane activity, because it's all about

# Dear Tracey

With every publication Tracey will be answering your questions about Tax, Estate and Financial Planning. Tracey has lived in Halton Hills for 30 years and is raising her family here.

reaching your dreams. The first thing that you must do with your family is clearly define your goals and dreams and the life you want to live. The fact that you wrote your letter demonstrates you want to make the best possible life for yourself, and goal setting is the starting point. Everyone deserves personal and family financial independence, and has the ability to achieve it. The key is to identify your major lifestyle goals, set up financial goals to match, then work out financial strategies that will get you there. What is the dollar figure necessary to meet your goals and what is the time to which it must be achieved.

Your information that must be accumulated will allow you to bring together a detailed Asset and Liability statement. Look at your budget on a yearly and monthly basis. Pay yourself first, we have all heard that statement, you must start investing like you are a bill, for your savings to become first priority. Minimize your taxes, and pay off high cost, non deductible debts and enter

into new debt wisely. There is such a thing as good debt, bad debt. When all that is accumulated you can do a fast forward of your current situation and that will show if you are on track or if there are pitfalls.

A Financial Advisor will help tremendously pave this road easier for you. They will be aware of tax saving strategies and investment rates of returns necessary for your goals to be met and to develop a long term dedicated relationship of trust with an expert. Let an advisor work for you, who will put their knowledge and experience to work to build and monitor and adjust a financial plan that meet your family's situation.

Good Luck to you and I do wish you a very happy prosperous new year.

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 www.prosper.ca

# Footprints from the near past Journeying to Georgetown

By DONNA DANIELLI

With their first book, *Walking Backwards: Historical Walking Tours of Georgetown*, so well received by the community, it was only logical the students at Park Public School start thinking about a second book.

The much anticipated *Footprints from the near past: Stories of our new Canadians in Georgetown* is a book well worth picking up.

*Footprints* tells of the journeys of over 30 people who found their way

to Canada. Park Public School's grade five students interviewed each of these people as part of their Social Studies curriculum.

These fascinating stories of leaving home countries behind, emigrating to Georgetown and starting over, all are divided into four sections: Africa, Asia, Europe and North America. Each charming vignette is as much about multiculturalism as it is about the journey through the emi-

gration process.

What stands out clearly when reading each very personal account, is the many wonderful differences between Canada and life in other parts of the world. Individual stories highlight differences in politics, family relationships, religions, celebrations and education systems the world over.

Also offered are mini-historical lessons on such events as India's independence, as told from a child's point of view.

Each story in *Footprints* draws the reader in, sending a message of tolerance, encouragement and support. Available for a cost of only \$3, this is a book well worth sharing with your family.

All proceeds are donated to the Halton Multicultural Council and you can order the book by phoning 905-877-9301.

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