

Local business women to be showcased

2004 Success Conference to be held in Acton

Acton's Blue Springs Golf Course is this year's venue for the 2004 Success Conference. Four speakers headline the conference, presented by Halton Hills Women in Business in conjunction with Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce. This full day event is scheduled for October 28.

Topics to be covered include "Turning Your Customers into Your Sales Force", "What colour is your entrepreneurial style?", "Successful Marketing" and "When is it time to hire?" Nora Gamble, 2003 recipient of the ATHENA Award, will give the keynote address. Video presentation by COGECO Cable will feature local business women; Johanne Lacroix of JL Design; Doris Treleaven of Metalscape, and Julie Pomeroy of Canoe Country.

Tickets start at \$70 and include meals and workbooks. "Last year's conference was so successful that 88% of last year's attendees said that they would be returning," reported Success Conference Chair, Caren Walker.

This event is sponsored in part by RBC Royal Bank and COGECO Cable and will give local entrepreneurs the opportunity to expand their knowledge and business skills without having to travel outside the community. For more information contact the Chamber of Commerce at 905-877-7119 or visit their website event calendar at www.haltonhillschamber.on.ca

Habitat for Humanity Acton Build update

Habitat's partner family has been working on their new home and putting in their hours of sweat equity. The concrete basement walls were completed thanks to Gilluco Construction of Eramosa.

The vinyl siding for the house is being supplied by Louisiana Pacific Canada Limited (LP) in Acton. The siding is a soft blue/grey shade with slight tan accents and a textured effect that will blend in very well with other homes on the street. This siding will be complimented by the slate grey steel roof to be provided by Hygrade Roofing of Guelph.

Christine Feige, a BC-HIS Board Certified Hearing Instrument Specialist, opened her "Active Ears" practice at 93 Mill Street East in Acton on October 6, 2004. As a gift to the Habitat Build in Acton half of the fee from each hearing test Christine conducts will be donated. Her clients will receive an income tax receipt in their name for the portion donated. Christine's toll-free number is 1-866-364-EARS (3277).

Oct. 2, 2004	Home Depot	Basement walls
Oct. 5, 2004	Volunteers	Waterproofing
Oct. 6, 2004	Volunteers	Backfill

Home Depot becomes involved in Acton

Habitat for Humanity build project

By ANN KORNUA

It's part of Home Depot's corporate policy to give back to the community. Andrew Carmichael, fifth year sales associate in the paint and decor department, stands by that policy as Home Depot's team captain for Habitat for Humanity's Acton build. Home Depot's involvement in Acton has not only helped the project's family, but those involved are getting hands on experience. On September 28th, eight Home Depot volunteers helped pour the concrete into the molds and forms for the foundation.

"Home Depot is very active with Habitat for Humanity." Andrew explains. "I have been a member of Habitat for Humanity in Burlington for four years. This is my own community and I decided to get active."

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Andrew took over as team captain three years ago and since then has been an active participant in Habitat for Humanity projects, as well as with Kaboom, a project spearheaded by Home Depot dedicated to building parks for children in the community. "I get a great feeling by doing it. I feel lucky in my own life that I have a great place to live and I feel like I want to give that back in my community. It makes you feel better going up to one of the builds and you can see all these people giving back to the community."

The projects themselves help employees gain on-site experience. Many of the volunteers will gain confidence from the experience and learn trade skills from the team project builders.

As well as volunteering their time at the build, Home Depot employees also lend their hands with Habitat's Re-Use it program store located on 1800 Appleby Line. It's a location where people can donate old fixtures, doors, paint and kitchens to sell back to the community where the profits go towards new homes for Habitat for Humanity. Work crews will come to your home during your home renovations to salvage your old kitchen or bathroom. These parts then become part of the inventory of the Re-Use It store. The community benefits from items being recycled rather than just thrown out in a landfill.

For more information on Habitat for Humanity Halton or to find out how you can get involved; become a partner family, or make a donation of cash or building materials, please go to www.habitathalton.ca or call the office at 905-637-4446. The toll free number is 1-866-314-4344.



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<p>Marcia Barhydt, Willowtree Customer Service Turn Your Customers into Your Sales Force</p> <p>Anne Peace, People at Peace What Colour is Your Entrepreneurial Style?</p>	<p>Theresa Syer, Hospitality Solutions Successful Marketing</p> <p>Wendy Hue, Partners in Progress When is it Time to Hire?</p>
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Blue Springs Golf and Country Club, 13448 Dublin Line, Halton Hills
Regular Registration by noon Tuesday, October 26
Chamber Members \$ 80.00 Non Members \$ 95.00
Registration fee includes continental breakfast, lunch, snacks & workbooks. All prices include tax.

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