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40th Anniversary
ALL FORMER PARENTS AND STUDENTS PLEASE JOIN US FOR A CELEBRATION!
Drop in at our Open House
Saturday, February 26th ~ 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm
St. Paul's United Church, 123 Main Street, Milton
 Enjoy children's activities, face painting, a clown, refreshments, special presentations and a walk around the classrooms.
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor of the Halton Compass:

I am writing in response to a flyer that was distributed throughout Halton by a Toronto-based group named Concerned Canadian Parents who refer to Bill C-38 as the "anti-marriage" law. This bill is not an anti-marriage law. Claiming so and spreading propaganda stating such is both misleading and irresponsible.

The flyer states that allowing same-sex couples to marry (which is what this is really about) "will spell disaster for the moral and social welfare of our country" and "destroy the roots of Canada's living tree". Give me a break!! Making marriage more inclusive doesn't change a thing about the commitment made between two people. If someone slightly altered the definition of "love", would that change how you feel about your loved ones? Not a chance! You can't convince me that anything would be different about how you meet, fall in love, make a commitment and raise a family because of a more inclusive definition of marriage.

Definitions are meant to be altered as soci-

eties change and evolve. If this wasn't so, only white men would be allowed to vote, be educated, or own property in this country. Women and other minorities wouldn't be classified as "citizens", but as "property" or "second class". And you can be sure there were groups such as this one that fought tooth and nail against these changes of definition which have given us the rights we enjoy and take for granted today. The best way to find peace in this world is to not only accept, but embrace our differences rather than feel threatened by them. All people have much to offer, regardless of gender, race, physical ability or sexuality, and we all have much to learn.

I believe if this group is truly concerned about their families and their country, as I am sure they are, then the energy put into this issue would be far more constructive in a fight for clean air and water and healthy food for all. These are treasures which are truly at risk and worth fighting for, together.

Sincerely
 Karen Copeland
 Milton

To the Editor

MY FAMILY VALUES

It was the day before father's day and my grade one class was just putting the finishing touches on the wooden desk organizers we had made. My class had spent weeks sanding down the blocks of wood, adding magnets for paper clips, holders for pens and a spot for an eraser. Today was the day we were going to engrave the word "Dad" into the top of the organizers. I had worked really hard on my present but I had a problem. I was not going to give my organizer to my dad because I didn't have one. I was going to give my present to one of my two moms.

I wasn't sure what she would think if I brought it home and it had the word dad on it. So I sat there quietly as all the other children took turns hammering the metal stamps, which read "dad", into the wood. I was getting nervous as my turn with the engraving tool grew closer. Finally, I got up and approached the teacher's desk. She asked me what was wrong. I reluctantly told her that I didn't have a dad and that I was making this gift for my mother. She told me I had nothing to worry about and handed me the stamps with the m and o for mom.

That's how it has always been in my family. One of my mothers celebrates mother's day while the other celebrates father's day. Sure, it was a bit awkward at school but it didn't make my family any less of a family. In fact we kids thought it was a great way to recognize both of our moms.

However, there is something that makes my family different from a lot of families. The difference is that my parents have never been married.

The reason my parents have never been married is not because they don't want to but because under law they couldn't. Their relationship was not recognized because marriage was defined as between a man and woman. It has been very hurtful to my parents, the gay community and believers in human rights that there has been so much opposition to same-sex marriage and to my sister and I. Very hurtful!

Personally I am perplexed by the extreme opposition to changing the definition of marriage so it can include unions between two people, any two people. As someone born into a generation of political correctness and void of any blatant racism, sexism or xenophobia, it is hard to deal with the hateful nature of the opponents to same-sex marriage.

I am not sure why they don't view the love of my parents as equal to the love between two people of the opposite sex. If they question the commitment, they should only turn to the twenty-seven years my parents have spent together for the rebuttal and the way they have cherished my sister and I.

I find a lot of the hate and opposition comes from many of the institutions that promote peace, love and understanding.

Some churches have fought the right of same-sex couples to marry. I wish they would look back in history to when religious freedom was jeopardized. People who were historically persecuted are all too willing to be prejudiced, all in the name of God.

I am a teenager growing up in an era of equality, an era where blacks are equal to whites, where a man is equal to woman. This era should include same-sex marriage and my parents. All of us are made in the image of God, are we not?

Matthew Eaton-Kent

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