

# GRAPEVINE



## A TASTE OF ITALY

The Red Dog will re-open as A Taste of Italy in six-to-eight weeks following extensive renovations by the new owners, Joe and Lora Cortese, Acton area residents with two children at St. Joseph School.

The purchase of the vacant Mill Street eatery expands the Cortese brothers' restaurant business - Nick Cortese owns the San Antonio Bistro in Campbellville.

Joe Cortese said A Taste of Italy will feature a full lunch, dinner and take-out menu with "a bit of everything" including Italian food from various regions, entrees and sandwiches, served in a cozy, family-oriented setting and on the patio.

Cortese said he will be hiring locally, and is planning a big grand opening party.

## FAMINE FIGHTER

Congrats to Acton's Rory Watson, 12, who raised over \$200 in pledges in the recent 30-hour famine for World Vision.

The McKenzie-Smith Bennett School Grade 7 student ate nothing, drank plenty of water and played video games during his fast, refusing even small amounts of plain white rice, which was allowed during the fast.

Rory, who was "starved" at the end of the 30 hours, raised pledges from neighbours and paper route customers.

## INDIA NIGHT

The sights, sounds, smells and tastes of India, as experienced by four local residents who administered polio vaccine in that Third World country earlier this year, will be featured at a Rotary Club of Acton Indian Night on May 28.

Acton Rotarians Rob Charette and Emrys Jenkins, Charette's 19-year-old son Jason, and Starlight Café owner Amy Yateman will share their memories and images of their trip with the PolioPlus program that delivers vaccine to impoverished countries.

Charette said a slideshow picturing the "beauty and sadness" of the villages, and Indian crafts will help them describe their experiences.

India Night will be held upstairs at the old Fire Hall, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Space is limited. Tickets are \$10, and are available at Alexanian Carpet and Starlight.

## SPRING FLING

Looking for handmade crafts, baking, or plants for your garden? If so, check out the annual Spring Fling Bazaar on Saturday (May 15) at the Acton Seniors' Recreation Centre at Acton arena.

The event, which also features lunch and raffles, runs from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

## SAFETY AWARDS

Congrats to Acton's Yvonne Johansen, whose dedication to the Acton Block Parents program and hard work promoting safety,

earned her a Halton Region Safety Council Safety Award.

The Council also gave Lifesaving Awards to Town life-guardians Amanda Potterton and Shalyn Morgan, who quickly provided first aid to a young Rockwood boy who thrown from his bicycle after cutting in front of a vehicle on Elizabeth Drive.

## CANINE CASH

Coady, the seven-year-old German shorthaired Pointer, will be on hand - with his master, Acton dentist Peter Lemiski - for Saturday's (May 15) grand opening of the leash-free zone park in Prospect Park.

Dr. Lemiski said his 19-month-old Pointer, Moose, is a little too young for the social outing and will have to miss the day's events, including dog demonstrations and information sessions.

A high point of the festivities will be when Dr. Lemiski presents a \$1,200 cheque to the mayor, on behalf of HH-DOG - Halton Hills Dog Owners Group.

"I read about the group (HH-DOG) raising money for the project in Grapevine last year, and told them to raise whatever they can and I'd fund the balance," Dr. Lemiski said.

Mayor Rick Bonnette will cut a leash to officially open the Dog Day in the Park festivities at 12 p.m.

## CHARITY BBQ

Proceeds from the annual barbecue and fun day at M&M Meats on Saturday (May 15) will benefit the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation.

Acton's fourth annual charity barbecue will feature face painting, a DJ, raffles and good food prepared by local dignitaries, including Mayor Rick Bonnette who will be flipping burgers from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

## VOLUNTEER APPEAL

Want to be part of the Acton Trunk Sale?

Organizers are looking for volunteers to help run the Saturday shopping/schmoozing event, and are hosting a volunteer information meeting on Monday, (May 17) at the Tyler Transport office. Call 853-1550 for more details.

## BRUNCH TIME

Volunteers and officials with the Acton branch of the Canadian Cancer Society will be the prep/cook/serve and clean up team at the Kinette Club Acton Community Brunch on May 30th.

The \$5, all-you-can-eat brunch runs from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

## BOOK WINNERS

Congrats to the Georgetown Senior Homeschool Group and the Brampton Junior Homeschool Group - both top place finishers in the Halton Hills library's first ever Battle of the Books for homeschooled students.

Battle of the Books involves teams of students answering questions about children's literature.



**OVERWHELMED:** Citizen of the year Max MacSween was feted at the Acton Rotary Clubs annual dinner and celebration at the Royal Canadian Legion hall on Wright Ave. in Acton, Max enjoyed it even more because his wife Diane and two daughters Robin, left and Cathy, right, were there to share the occasion with him to honour Max whom a Georgetown colleague humorously dubbed "Midget of the Year."

# None for the road!

## The Way I See It



with Mike O'Leary

I had the honour of being a judge at a non-alcoholic drink contest last week. I wish you all could have been there. Teams of high school students from Acton, Georgetown and Milton represented their schools in the finals. The teams concocted a non-alcoholic drink, created a no drinking and driving message, decorated their presentation table, and themselves, for the contest finals.

To say that all the 11 teams did a fine job is a huge understatement. They did an excellent job and all were a credit to themselves, their parents and their schools. I think I speak for all the judges when I say I was proud to be a part of the contest and proud of every student who took part. As a bonus, none of the drinks had any calories - OK, perhaps one or two.

The timing couldn't be better. The school year is coming to a close and with it come the end of year parties. Often, at this time of year, I try to write a column that might make teens think twice before having a drink and getting behind the wheel. This year I am pleased to reprint the thought one group of students put into their presentation last week.

The team of Hayley Humenick, Victoria Reynolds, Liz Little, Jessica Moore, and Lindsay Douey, representing Georgetown District High School, went a step further in their presentation. They produced a brochure to go along with their original recipe for a delicious drink they named "Tropical Enigma". Along with their safety statement they included two thought provoking stories and a copy of the "Contract for Life".

I suggest this column would provide a good opportunity to sit down with your teen and have a heart to heart talk with them. Explain how it's not enough to not drink and drive but how dangerous it is to even get into a car with someone who has been drinking. Here then are the stories the G.D.H.S. team chose and their recipe.

### Death of an Innocent

Went to a party, Mom, I remembered what you said. You told me not to drink Mom, so I drank soda instead. I really felt proud inside, Mom, the way you said I would, I didn't drink and drive Mom, even though others said I should. I know I did the right thing Mom, I know you are always right. Now the party is ending Mom, as everyone is driving out of sight.

As I got into my car Mom, I knew I'd get home in one piece. Because of the way you raised me, so responsible and sweet. I started to drive away Mom, but as I pulled out into the road, the other car didn't see me Mom, and hit me like a load.

As I lay there on the pavement Mom,

I hear the policeman say the other guy was drunk Mom, and now I'm the one who will have to pay. I'm lying here dying Mom, I wish you'd get here soon. How could this happen to me Mom? My life just burst like a balloon.

There is blood all around me Mom, and most of it is mine. I hear the medic say Mom, I'll die in a short time. I just wanted to tell you, Mom, I swear I didn't drink. It was the others Mom. The others didn't think.

He was probably at the same party as I. The only difference is he drank and I will die. Why do people drink Mom? It can ruin your whole life. I'm feeling sharp pains now. Pains just like a knife. The guy who hit me is walking Mom, and I don't think it is fair. I'm lying here dying here, and all he can do is stare.

Tell my brother not to cry Mom. Tell Daddy to be brave. And when I go to heaven Mom, put 'Daddy's Girl' on my grave. Someone should have told him Mom, I would still be alive.

By breath is getting shorter Mom. I'm becoming very scared. Please don't cry for me Mom. When I needed you, you were always there. I have one last question Mom, before I say goodbye. I didn't drink and drive, So why am I the one to die?

Anonymous

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### But You Didn't

Remember the time you let me drive your car and I dented the fender?

I thought you'd kill me, But you didn't.

And remember the time I met your new girlfriend, you know the one you were crazy about, and she became my new girlfriend?

I thought you'd floor me, But you didn't.

What about the time I forgot to tell you the party was black tie, and you wore jeans?

I thought you would never speak to me again, But you did.

Do you remember the time I wanted to go to the concert, but you said it would be boring - we went and it was?

I thought you'd scream, "I told you so"

But you didn't.

Remember the time we went to the disco and I picked up a new girl while I had a girlfriend?

I thought you'd give up on me.

But you didn't. And remember the time I was drunk and driving?

You told me I shouldn't drive, but I insisted.

You came along to make sure I was alright. I crashed. I saw our beds side by side. I decided I would say all of this to you when you awoke.

But you didn't.

Anonymous.

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### Tropical Enigma

1 can of frozen mango juice  
1 can of frozen apple cherry juice  
1/2 cup of pineapple juice  
1/4 cup of carbonated mango flavoured water  
1 can of fresh or frozen strawberries  
2 cups of ice  
Blend strawberries and proceed to add the frozen juices, flavoured water and pineapple juice. Crush ice and blend in with the remaining mixture.  
Yield: One large pitcher (approximately 4-5 drinks)

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To arrive alive is to have taken your life and others into account and deemed them worthy. Please drink responsibly.

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### Contract for Life

A Foundation for Trust and Caring  
I recognize that there are many potentially destructive decisions I face everyday and commit to you that I will do everything in my power to avoid making decisions that will jeopardize my health, my safety, and overall well being, or your trust in me. I understand the dangers associated with the use of alcohol and drugs and the destructive behaviours often associated with impairment.

By signing below, I pledge my best effort to remain alcohol and drug free. I agree that I will never drive under the influence of either, or accept a ride from someone who is impaired, and I will always wear a seat belt.

Finally, I agree to call you if I am ever in a situation that threatens my safety and to communicate with you regularly about issues of importance to both of us.

Child Parent

The only thing I would add to the contract is the agreement that your child can call you at any hour for a pick-up if they, or their friends, have been drinking. The first time there are no lectures, no punishments. It's a freebie. Subsequent episodes would have some consequences but full marks are always given for acting responsibly.

Congratulations again to all the participants in this challenge. Carry the message to your friends. It's hard to measure how successful these programs are, but they are well worth the effort.

Because the results of those who won't listen are tragically plain.