

### Postwoman also delivers smiles

Dear editor:

I was driving along Heslop Court on March 22 when I passed a postwoman delivering the afternoon mail. She flashed me the most friendly smile. On my return trip, I passed her again and she flashed me another radiant smile. I almost stopped to tell her that her friendliness made my day, but I knew that I'd feel foolish, so I continued on my errands. I wish I had.

Isn't it wonderful when a person can bring sunshine to another without even trying? A simple smile can brighten anyone's day. Let's all go out and "flash" someone!  
A passerby

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### Our Readers Write

## Parent angry at PC toolkit

Dear editor:

The more I study the dilemma facing our school board trustees, the angrier I am that no useful tools were provided in the long-awaited provincial government "toolkit". In Halton, funding is cut by about \$15 million, but the most desirable cost reductions aren't allowed to trustees.

By far the biggest cost savings would be achieved by giving teachers incentives for earlier retirement, canceling gratuities for unused sick-days and reducing (but not eliminating) preparation time for high school teachers. These would have the greatest financial impact, and the least effect on the classroom. Yet the government provided no legislative tools to enable them.

Why? As a former high school

teacher, parent of teenagers and taxpayer, I would support all three. Sick-day gratuities might be kept for those within, say, five years of retirement, but younger teachers must accept a future without them. Certainly taxpayers would. The alternative is loss of programs and of jobs for many school staff and/or large tax increases.

So, the government forces trustees to raise taxes, while it talks of the value of tax cuts. What hypocrisy!

Education is the most important thing a society provides. Our children are the future. Our teachers are precious resources.

Why aren't we ensuring that the integrity of important school programs is preserved and that budget cuts occur in ways that are best for everyone?

Janet Duval

## Heart and Stroke Foundation says thanks

Dear editor:

The Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario would like to thank Bob Malcolmson and Emery Thompson, co-chairs of the 1996 person to person campaign, zone leaders, captains and canvassers for all of their hard work during the month of February.

We would also like to thank

everyone who donated to this year's campaign and a special thanks to *The Independent/Free Press*. Your help enables us to raise funds to continue the valuable research carried out by the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario.

Your help makes our work possible.

Avril Goffredo, area coordinator

## Community

### CALENDAR

Please note: we cannot take community notices over the phone. We accept only faxed (873-0398) or written notices for non-profit groups. We cannot guarantee that a notice will get in the newspaper. Please keep notices brief - we reserve the right to edit the notice for space. All notices, must be accompanied by name and telephone number.

#### Sunrise Service

An Easter Sunrise Service and Pancake Breakfast will be held at Churchill Community Church, corner of Churchill and Boundary Rds. on Easter Sunday morning, April 7, 7 a.m. The Acton Brass and the ministers of St. Alban's Anglican, Trinity United, and Churchill Community Church will conduct the service. A pancake breakfast will be served after the service. A free will offering will be taken to cover the costs of the breakfast. All welcome.

#### Easter service

St. John's United Church, Glen and Georgetown will hold an Easter Sunrise Service 7 a.m. on April 7 at the Glen cemetery with Rev. Peter Barrow officiating. The regular Easter Sunday service will be held 9:30 a.m. in the Glen, 11 a.m. in Georgetown, conducted by Rev. Susan Garrod-Schuster.

#### Ballinafad service

There will be an Easter Sunday service at Ballinafad United Church at 11:30 a.m. Everyone welcome.

#### Norval Sunrise Services

Easter Sunday, April 7 - Sunrise Services will be held by Norval and Union Presbyterian Churches at 6:30 a.m. at Union Presbyterian Church, Winston Churchill Boulevard and Old School Road. Breakfast to follow. Norval United Church will hold its sunrise service, 7:30 a.m. at Russell Hill. Light refreshments to follow.

#### Foot care clinics

The Victorian Order of Nurses, Halton Branch will hold a Foot Care Clinic at the Georgetown Hospital emergency department on Tuesdays, April 9, 16, 23, 1-4 p.m. By appointment only. Cost: \$15. Call 1-800-387-7127.

#### Acton Fall Fair meeting

The Acton Agricultural Society meets the second Tuesday of every month in the board room of the Acton Legion, 8 p.m. New members are always welcome.

#### La Leche League meets

Mothers who wish to breastfeed their babies will find encouragement and information at the Acton and Georgetown La Leche League meeting, April 10, 7:30 p.m. Nursing babies are welcome. Info: 877-0496.

#### Esquering Society meets

The First Georgetown Wesleyan Methodist Church and cemetery will be the topic of speaker Elaine Robertson-Bertrand at the April 10 meeting of the Esquering Historical Society at Knox Church, Georgetown, at 7:30 p.m.

#### Blue Birds meet

Halton Blue Bird Arthritis Support Club meets at the Milton Leisure Centre, noon to 2 p.m. Bring your lunch. Info: 877-9311.

#### Arthritis forum

The Arthritis Society presents a forum April 9, 7-9 p.m. at the Brampton Civic Centre. Speaker is a leading rheumatologist providing up-to-date research news. Seats limited. Call 905-712-2281 to reserve.

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