

# Moms & Children in Business

## Donna Rae, Brian, Jeremy & Kelly



Donna Rae with children Brian, Jeremy and Kelly.

Donna Rae enjoys the support her three teenagers give her in her 24-hour-a-day job selling real estate. She works at Re/Max Suburban on Guelph St. in Georgetown.

"I enjoy working with my children because it gives us quality time together. Jeremy, 18, who works as an unlicensed assistant will often voice his opinion and give me ideas. My children can work computers and that's a big help," she said.

Jeremy, the eldest, helps look after the children of clients when Donna takes them to see homes.

"Brian, 16, is heavy into sports and provides my entertainment outside of the business. Brian also helps me on the computers when needed," Donna said. Her youngest, Kelly, 13, is great at taking phone messages and helps her mom by cooking when Donna is not home.

Donna says she tries to treat purchasers and vendors as she would her own family: with complete honesty, straightforwardness and dedication to get the job done right.

"Usually when I work with clients, they end up meeting at least one member of my family," she said. Donna has been in the business for eight years and her children have been actively helping her for four years.



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## Doris Zilio & Anna Christine



Doris Zilio and daughter Anna Christine.

Anna Christine Zilio is very grateful for the help of her mom, Doris Zilio, in running her business.

The hair salon, Anna Christine's For Hair is on Guelph St. behind Pizza Hut and has been operating for six years. Throughout that time the mother-daughter team have been working together. Christine is the owner and stylist while Doris is bookkeeper, receptionist and assistant.

"My mother is very helpful in making clients feel comfortable in the salon," Christine said. "I couldn't do this without her and her support. We also get along very well, we are close."

The salon is progressive, constantly updating by taking classes and going to hair shows. The classes include cutting, hair coloring, perming and special occasion styles.

"My daughter is very hard working and I am so proud of her and her accomplishments," Doris said. "We have a large clientele and each person is very important to us. Christine is very creative in her work. In her spare time, she does oil painting. Right now she has three beautiful paintings in the salon."

Appointments are not always necessary and the salon is open six days a week and some evenings.



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## Marilyn Russiani & Dorri Bland



Marilyn Russiani and daughter Dorri Bland.

Mother and daughter Marilyn Russiani and Dorri Bland have run The Feminine Way and Total Feminine Look for about seven years.

Marilyn opened her business and shortly after brought Dorri into it. Adding the esthetics, including manicures, pedicures, facials and body treatments, meant women could find all the services they required under one roof.

"This is a close relationship built on trust and love," said Marilyn of her daughter. "One personality complements the other. Our main goals and work habits reflect the family values."

Marilyn said their many clients have become like "one big happy family" to them. "They have become our advertisements. The biggest compliment we receive is when they bring in their friends and family."

Marilyn said the work day is never long enough for them and Dorri's clients have tripled in number since she opened. "Starting a business at 50 years old was pretty scary, but when Dorri joined in it became fun. Most mothers and daughters don't have the opportunity to spend so much time together and enjoy the excitement of it all."

The Feminine Way and Total Feminine Look are located at 36 Main St. S. Business hours are Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. For an appointment or more information on services call 873-4907.



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## Nadia Miller & Kristen Byblow



Daughter Kristen Byblow and Nadia Miller.

Mom Nadia Miller and daughter Kristen Byblow are a perfect working match. The two own and operate HollyHocks Flowers, 90 Main St. South in charming olde Georgetown.

"My daughter has the gift of organization, motivation and optimism," says Nadia. "She encourages and uplifts, and she also adds liberal doses of realism when I'm inclined to soar into flights of fancy. She takes cares of the practical, business side of the shop, and has input in the design end."

Nadia explains both have unique talents which complement each other, but they also have the same values — caring, service-oriented people with a passion for beauty. "My younger daughter also helps out in the shop, and hopefully one day she will also contribute."

Nadia has completed all three phases of the Flowers Canada courses on floristry and continues to upgrade her skills, and as a result HollyHocks offers new ideas, and cutting edge designs. "We would like to invite people to come in and meet us, and see our shop. Hopefully it will be the start of a beautiful relationship."

HollyHocks Flowers is open Mon. to Wed., 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thurs. to Fri., 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Sat., 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Telephone: 873-7332.



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## Nell & Nathalie Ramakers



Daughter Nathalie and Nell Ramakers.

Nell Ramakers and her daughter Nathalie have a good working relationship.

Nell is the owner/operator of Nell's Driving School and Yoga Studio while daughter Nathalie owns and operates Merdeka, a global clothing and gift store located at 51 Main St. in downtown Georgetown.

Nathalie says her mom works the odd day in her store "for which she gets paid with clothing."

"In turn she is a walking advertisement for the store."

Nathalie helps her mom out by making flyers and posters and taking phone calls for both of Nell's businesses. She also registers students for yoga classes through the store.

Merdeka is open Monday through Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Yoga classes run on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. and Friday from 10 a.m. to noon.

For information on classes offered by Nell's Driving School call 877-2671.



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## Carrole Hnetinka & Leigh Ann



Daughter Leigh Ann and Carrole Hnetinka.

Mother and stepdaughter Carrole and Leigh Ann Hnetinka enjoy working together at the family business, Subway Sandwiches and Salads.

Leigh Ann started working in the store, located at 235 Guelph St., part-time in 1992. Over a year ago she began working there full-time. Carrole started managing the store about two-and-a-half years ago, after she left her job as an insurance manager for a moving and storage company.

"Leigh Ann works in the store four or five days a week," said Carrole. "She helps me keep the store running smoothly and helps out when we are short staffed and keeps an eye on things when I'm not around."

She added they enjoy working together and with a business to run and a new baby in the family, it is a nice way to spend some quality time together. "Leigh Ann is a great girl. Although she is my stepdaughter we have an excellent relationship. I enjoy her company and we are friends as well as mother and daughter," said Carrole. "Carrole is not only a great boss but a friend," said Leigh Ann. "I enjoy being able to spend time with her. She is a great asset to the store as well as to the family."

Subway is open Monday to Thursday from 10:30 a.m. to midnight, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 a.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.



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