

Pinball Clemons attends bike-a-thon this Sunday

Come ride in the ninth annual north Halton Bike-A-Thon with Pinball Clemons on Sunday, May 16.

Community Living North Halton is holding the event, rain or shine. It will start and finish at the Georgetown Fairgrounds. The route is 13 km and the Fairgrounds track will be accessible and available to all persons. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. and the official start time is 1 p.m.

All proceeds from the sponsor forms will go towards the support of children and adults with developmental disabilities served through

the Saturday Centre, Friday Friends Club and the Drop-In Centre, in Halton Hills and Milton.

Some attractions include Pinball Clemons from the Toronto Argos, the Team Attard Formula One Speedboat Display, the Centennial Middle School Jazz Band, and face painting. There will be many sponsor level prizes, including a chance at a new mountain bike, plus many draw prizes.

For more information, contact Teri Cowbrough at Community Living North Halton, 62 Park Ave., Georgetown, 873-8181.

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Jeff McCarroll, General Manager of the Ontario Racquet Club seen here with employee, Jagdeep Kaur, who has a learning disability; one of the emerging success stories...

Talent and Abilities are the two most valuable assets that make up a workforce.

Ontario Racquet Club General Manager, Jeff McCarroll believes that people with disabilities have both!

In the athletic industry, as well as the rest of the business community, success is reliant on maximizing human potential, fostering independence of spirit and boosting the will to win. Sound like a tall order? Not for ORC.

By hiring according to abilities, the Ontario Racquet Club joins other progressive employers who have demonstrated the desire to make a change and to make a difference. They recognize that people with disabilities measure up when it comes to safety records, career stability, and the skills to get the job done.

Remarkably, about 75% of people with disabilities are unemployed. This represents a huge untapped potential for our workforce. The Coalition for Persons with Disabilities in Peel, Halton and Dufferin is working to effectively change this statistic.

Employers in our community are overcoming outdated attitudes by providing job seekers with disabilities with the opportunity to work hard,

to work smart and to work at a level consistent with their expectations. In fact, this community leads the nation in job creation by tackling accommodation issues, dispelling myths and implementing organizations such as Employment ACCESS who act on behalf of the employee and the employer.

On May 26th, attend a conference that dares to go, "Beyond Appearances", funded by Human Resources Development Canada.

Beyond Appearances Conference

- Addressing issues pertaining to employment for persons with disabilities
- Workshop topics to include: workplace diversity, legislation, financial incentives, gaps in services, assistive technology and self-employment.
- Speakers to include City TV's, Wendy Murphy and award winner, Alvin Law.
- Register: 1 800 459 1464 or www.disabilityaccess.org
- Call Employment ACCESS for hiring information: 1 800 270-3861 (funded by Human Resources Development Canada)

Charles Darwin reminds us that ... It is not just the fit or the smart that survive, but those most adaptable to change.

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