

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Thursday, April 18

Blood clinic: Canadian Blood Services is holding a blood donor clinic at the Acton Legion Hall, 15 Wright Ave., 4-8 p.m. Call 1-888-2DONATE to book an appointment or for information.

Limehouse euchre: Euchre will be held at the Limehouse Memorial Hall, 7:30 p.m. Lunch and prizes provided by the Limehouse Women's Institute.

Friday, April 19

Squash championship: The Georgetown Racquet Club will be hosting its club championships on April 19 and 20. Categories include Juniors, Masters, Vets, Mens and Ladies A to D and Open. Spectators welcome. The club is located at 215 Armstrong Ave. Info: Betty D'Oliveira at 905-877-6388.

Saturday, April 20

Earth Day cleanup: Join the Halton/North Peel Naturalists in an Earth Day litter cleanup of Cedarvale Park. Dress appropriately—boots and gloves are highly recommended. Meet in the parking lot at 10:30 a.m. Info: Kelly Bowen, 905-873-7338.

Book/toy sale: University Women's Club of Georgetown hosts its annual used book and toy sale, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Georgetown High School cafeteria. Everyone welcome. Proceeds to scholarships.

Roast beef dinner: Knox Church in Ospringe (Wellington County Rds. 124/125) hosts a Roast Beef Dinner. For tickets call 856-4578.

Pancake breakfast: Georgetown Seniors Centre are holding a pancake breakfast, 8-11 a.m. at the Georgetown Seniors Centre. Adults \$6, children 12 and under \$3.

St. Andrew's auction: Preview begins at 9:30 a.m. and auction begins at 10 a.m. at St. Andrew's United Church, 89 Mountainview Rd., Georgetown. Proceeds to support community groups such as Toy Lending Library.

Town Earth Day: The Town of Halton Hills celebrates Earth Day at the Central Works Garage, 11620 Trafalgar Rd., 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Trees for \$5, barbecue, free compost and wood chips. Donations for the food banks appreciated.

Hymn Sing: Immanuel Lutheran, 100 Mountainview Rd.

S., Georgetown is having a Hymn Sing, 7:30 p.m. The hymns will be both traditional and contemporary and all invited to attend.

Twins Plus sale: Twins Plus Association of Brampton (which includes Georgetown members) holds a spring sale of gently used children's clothing and equipment, 9 a.m. to noon. at the Terry Miller Recreation Centre, North Peel Secondary School entrance, 1295 Williams Parkway, Brampton. Cash only.

Sunday, April 21

Willow Park cleanup: In celebration of Earth Day, the first annual Willow Park cleanup will be held 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Activities will include some woodlot management, pathway construction and grooming, dig interpretive beds and plant trees and shrubs. Contact Ruth at 905-877-3676 or ruth@willowparkecology.com

Rad Rally: A Rad Rally will be held 7 p.m. at Bethel Christian Reformed Church in Acton, (across from the new IGA). This alternative style service is geared to 14-25 year olds and all ages are welcome. There will be a youth band and speaker with the theme Hanging Out in Relationships. This event is sponsored by the Acton Ministerial Association.

Monday, April 22

Sports Wrapping and Taping: Halton Hills Recreation and Parks is hosting a Sports Wrapping and Taping course. Develop practical skills in taping and wrapping techniques. Common sports injuries and how and when to wrap and tape them properly will be discussed. It will be held on 6:30-10:30 p.m. at Georgetown High School. The fee will be \$50 (workbook included). For more information call the Program Hotline at 905-873-2601, ext. 2275.

The Gathering: Come, experience the Gathering, 7-8 p.m. at The Gallery of Halton Hills Cultural Centre (Library). Music, refreshments, and a short, fast-paced video highlighting our March Break basketball camp. The Gathering, a new community church, will not publicly launch until this fall, but come and get a bit of a taste of the great music, relevant information sessions and the fun times that are yet to come. Info: Noel or Marilyn at 905-873-5433 or check out our Web site at www.thegathering.ca

Grief drop-in: Drop-in care groups for people who have experienced grief through the loss of a loved one are being offered by VON, 6:30-8 p.m. at St. Alban's The Martyr Church, 19 St. Alban's Dr., Acton. Drop-in dates are also scheduled for May 27 and June 24. Info: 1-800-387-7127, ext. 2310.

Toastmasters: Halton Hills Toastmasters meets 7:30-9:30 p.m. at St. Alban's Church Hall, Main

St., Glen Williams. Everyone welcome. Info: Francois 905-702-7443.

Tuesday, April 23

Portrait drawing: Palette and Pencil Guild of the Credit Valley Artisans hosts Portrait Drawing for adults every Tuesday, 7:30-9 p.m. in the Cedarvale Lodge in Cedarvale Park. New members welcome. Info: Rita Ladjansky, 905-873-2290.

Afghan Muslim speaker: Hear an Afghan Muslim speak about her work and her faith, 7:30 p.m. at St. John's United Church, 11 Guelph St., Georgetown. Tri-S women's group welcomes Adeena Niazi, founder of the Afghan Women's Organization in Toronto and a former teacher at Kabul University. Everyone is invited.

Wednesday, April 24

Spring luncheon: The WMS ladies of Union Presbyterian Church host their Annual Spring Luncheon, 12:30 p.m. at the church. Theme: Flower Daze with guest speaker, Sally Leslie, of Windswept Designs. For tickets (\$10): Margaret McKane, 905-877-9574 or Nora Winterflood: 905-877-3106. Union Presbyterian Church is located at 16789 22nd Sideroad (corner of Winston Churchill Blvd. and 22nd Sideroad/Old School Road).

Thursday, April 25

Euchre: Euchre will be held at the Ballinafad Community Centre, 7:30 p.m.: \$3/per person includes light snack. Everyone welcome.

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