



HEALTHY CHOICES: Active Halton Hills, a program developed by the Town's Recreation & Parks Dept. received an award from Halton Region for its role in saving the lives of Region residents. Shown receiving the award from Regional Chairman Joyce Savoline and Halton Region EMS Director Jim King are, left to right, Director of Recreation & Parks Terry Alyman; Recreation Supervisor Aaron Matthews; and Active Champions Heinz Rusche & Laurie McCaughan. - Submitted photo

Halton Hills program wins award

Every three years the Region of Halton hosts a Celebration of Life event at which it recognizes the contributions of Paramedics, citizen bystanders and organizations in saving the lives of Halton residents. The Active Halton Hills program developed by the Town of Halton Hills Recreation & Parks Department was acknowledged for the important role it plays in prevention.

Theme for this year's event was "The Chain of Survival." The Chain was developed by the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada and its seven links provide the foundation for achieving cardiovascular health in our communities.

The first link in the chain is "healthy choices." By promoting healthy living through its community walking

and activity program, Active Halton Hills is part of this first link.

Funded by the Government of Ontario's Active 2010 initiative the Active Halton Hills program uses fun motivational and activity resources that challenge the community to get active. Participants are encouraged to track their activity throughout the challenges and log their hours online, comparing their progress to their fellow residents. The Spring Challenge runs from May 1, 2006 to June 24, 2006, and you can join in at any time.

Log onto www.haltonhills.ca and click on the Active Halton Hills logo for more information or call Recreation Supervisor Aaron Matthews at 905-873-2601 x2262.

CDA honours Halton dental program

The Canadian Dental Association honoured the Halton Oral Health Outreach committee and the Burlington Dental Academy with their prestigious award for Oral Health Promotion. The award is presented to individuals or organizations which have improved the oral health of Canadians through promoting oral health.

Created in 1998, the Halton Oral Health Out-

reach Program (HOHO) is a multi-partner project developed to co-ordinate dental services for the frail elderly and adults with special needs in Halton. To date, this unique program has provided service to over 2,000 people.

The HOHO program provides a single point of access for oral health care information and assistance in receiving coordinated services. Halton Region

Health Department provides oral health education resources for individuals and their caregivers. For those who are eligible, Halton Region also offers funding for dental treatment services. The Community Care Access Centre (CCAC) of Halton provides information regarding available oral health services and facilitates referrals to accessible dental treatment services in Halton.

In May 2004, the HOHO program was cited as a public health model to improve access to dental care at a University of Toronto conference on "Access and Care: towards a National Oral Health Strategy," a conference supported by Health Canada, the Ontario Association of Public Health Dentistry, the Canadian Dental Hygienist Association, and the Canadian Association of Public Health Dentistry.

For more information about the HOHO program, please call the CCAC of

Halton at 905-639-5228, toll free 1-800-810-0000.



HOHO AWARDS: Ellen Duncan Ross of the Halton Regional Health Dept. (HOHO), Dr. Ron Yim of the Burlington Dental Academy, Carole Ward, chair of the Halton Oral Health Outreach Committee (HOHO) and Debbie Osborne of the Community Care Access Centre (Halton) represented Halton Region at a ceremony honouring HOHO with an award for oral health promotion. - Region photo

Halton's School Tour program recognized at Pinnacle awards

Halton Region's school tour program won an award of merit at the Pinnacle awards, hosted by the Hamilton Chapter of the Canadian Public Relations Society, on March 30.

The program, which fits with the grade five curriculum on government, was recognized in the external communications category for increasing the awareness of the organization through the community.

The school tour program provides students with the opportunity to learn about the role of regional council; Halton's role in emergency preparedness; a tour of police headquarters by a uniformed officer, including the jail cells, the shooting range and the communications centre; a tour of Halton Region's emergency medical services to learn firsthand about the role of paramedics; a trip to the mid-Halton sewage treatment facility and a guided bus tour through the Halton Waste Management Site, to learn about waste disposal and recycling.

"Halton's award winning school tour program engages our children through an enjoyable field trip and gives us the opportunity to put a human face to the services of the Region," said Regional Chairman Joyce Savoline. "This enables the children

to take home the messages they learn and share them with their parents."

The school tour program has received extremely positive responses from teachers, parent chaperones and students. Working closely with the Halton District School Board and the Halton Catholic District School Board, the popularity of the program has seen demand grow each year with approximately 50 requests in 2004 to more than 150 requests for tours in 2005.

"The program has further cemented the great working relationship that exists between Halton Region and both school boards," said Chief Administrative Officer, Brent Marshall. "We are currently in discussions with the school boards to augment the program to better suit their needs."

The School Tour Program was established to raise awareness of Halton Region's programs, services and facilities; to personalize regional government for school-aged children; to assist teachers in incorporating regional government activities into the grade five curriculum on municipal government; and to further educate teachers and students about the differences between municipal government and regional government.



DUCK DUTY: Never one to shirk from duty, Acton Aqua Duck Swim Club head coach Jerry Ockenden lent a beak at the club's car wash/garage sale on Saturday. - Frances Niblock photo