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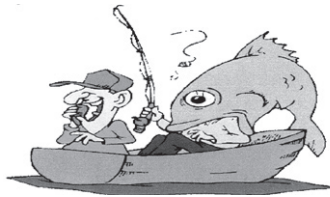
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## Heart & Stroke campaign

# 'You gotta have heart'

By Frances Niblock

The bouquets of roses sold by Acton florist Anna Aguiar in February will bring smiles to the faces of their recipients and dollars to the Canadian Heart and Stroke Foundation campaign.

For every dozen red roses Aguiar sells from her Blue Springs Flower Shop next month, she will donate \$5 to the Peel area branch of the Heart and Stroke campaign – the branch that covers the Acton area.

"Heart and Stroke is dear to me – a lot of my family members have died of heart attacks and it (the Foun-

ation) is something I've always supported," Aguiar said on Friday from her Mill Street shop that she purchased several months ago.

"I wanted to come up with some way to help the campaign, and since many people will be buying roses this month for Valentine's day, I thought it was a good mix.

During February, shoppers will also be able to purchase a \$2 paper heart that they can sign their name on and then post it in the store, with proceeds also going to the Heart Month campaign.

Aguiar's fundraiser is very much appreciated by officials with the Heart and Stroke Foundation who

will launch their door-to-door canvass for funds on February 1.

"Every little bit helps," said Heart and Stroke's senior area manager Nancy Mrazek who said they hope to raise \$175,000 during the month long campaign in the Peel area. The campaign did not hit its goal of \$165,000 last year, but did raise eight per cent more than the previous year.

"We are still looking for canvassers in the Acton area – we have approximately 80 people lined up so far, but still need some more to cover the 100 routes in Acton," Mrazek said, adding each canvasser would be required to go to between 20 and 25 houses, a job that should take about four hours.

All of the money raised during Heart Month is earmarked for research and delivery of Heart and Stroke health services that are required by about one in every three Canadians.

"Twenty-one per cent of Canadians have high blood pressure and 46 per cent are overweight and those are two causes of heart attacks and strokes," Mrazek said, adding the statistics show that women are just as likely as men to have a heart attack or a stroke.

The Heart and Stroke Foundation is also looking for Acton area curlers who would like to help raise money for the Foundation and have some fun at a bonspiel slated for February 28 at the Acton Curling Club.

## Employment 'fairly positive'...

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Despite those layoffs, Halton officials report some positive news.

"We have fairly positive employment numbers," said the Town's economic officer Doug Penrice, adding that the numbers can change quickly from day-to-day,

making it hard to keep up. Penrice said Halton Hills and Halton Region are "kind of fortunate" because they have such a diversified manufacturing/service base.

"Not every single sector is tied to the automotive industry and facing slowdowns," Penrice said on Tuesday.

There was "cautious optimism" among the presidents and general managers of local manufacturers at the recent industry round table at the Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce.

"All that were in attendance said they were doing well – some said they had their best year and they expect that to continue in the first quarter of 2009," said Sue Walker, the Chamber's general manager, adding others at the meeting were "cautiously optimistic" that the economy would be good to them.

"Most of the manufacturers in town aren't connected to the auto industry so overall I think compared to other communities, we're fairing better," Walker said, adding that everyone is waiting to see what the New Year will mean to the local retail and hospitality industries.



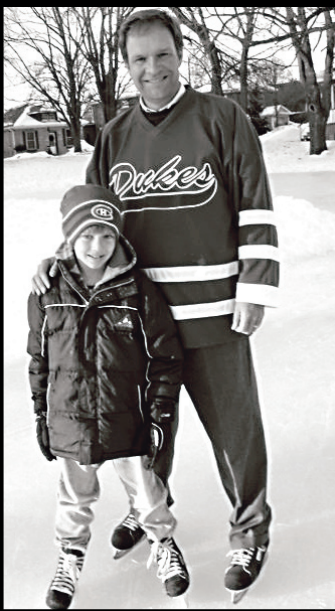
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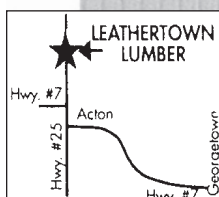
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