

Kinsmen members reflect well on president

When the local Kinsmen Club went about its business of community service last year members were unaware their efforts would bring special recognition to the president.

Joe Hoch, now past president of the Kinsmen Club of Milton was one of 21 presidents to receive the national Outstanding President award at the Association's District 8 Fall Council. There were 74 presidents who were eligible for the award.

"I'm quite pleased", Mr. Hoch said of the recognition.

"I know how much work I put into it myself but I know the work the club did, like completing the participark added to the point total."

Recipients are judged on a point system to qualify for the only president's award within the organization. Points are accumulated by

effectively running the club, keeping membership up and accomplishing various tasks within the group and the community.

The past president said he did not make the membership aware that their support and involvement in meetings and other activities would help his standing.

"The award was not publicized within the club. I didn't mention it at all," explained Mr. Hoch.

Mr. Hoch attended the fall council last month with club members Chuck Ryan and Brian Gildea. The Mississauga Club was host of the fall council which attracted Kinsmen from as far away as Wawa and Timmins.

Informative meeting

The two-day annual meeting served to educate Kinsmen in the areas of public relations, international relations and

membership bylaws. The keynote speaker was Dr. Douglas Crozier, senior pediatrician for the Hospital for Sick Children.

A pioneer of cystic fibrosis research, Dr. Crozier "was instrumental in getting the Kinsmen involved in fund raising for cystic fibrosis 20 years ago," according to local club president Bill Roberts.

"Cystic fibrosis is now a Kinsmen National major emphasis program," he added.

Those who attended the meeting were informed of the international relations project to support the completion of a secondary school for the physically disabled at Mombassa, Kenya. This will mark the second year the organization has participated in the three-year undertaking to cost \$250,000.

The approved financial statement for 1982-83 indicated District 8 (most of western Ontario from Milton on) raised more than \$200,000 for cystic fibrosis research. The fight against the crippling children's disease was supported by a \$970,000 contribution from Kinsmen and Kinettes on a national scale.

Lottery of Hope

Kinsmen also support Ronald McDonald House, a home for children undergoing treatment for cancer at Sick Children's Hospital. A goal of \$300,000 has been established to be achieved through the Lottery of Hope. The draw will be held Dec. 16. Tickets are \$100.00 each.

"The Association of Kinsmen Clubs across Canada peaked over \$23.5 million in service work in Canada during the 12-month period, ending June 30, 1983," Mr. Roberts stated.



Past president of the Kinsmen Club of Milton, Joe Hoch, received a special honor.

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Annual appeal on with Seals

Christmas Seals have been sent to an estimated 92,000 Halton households and now the campaign chairman is hoping people will send back their support in the form of a donation.

Cec McFadden who helped hoist the Christmas Seal flag in Milton recently said, "I am confident that the people of Milton will respond to the Christmas Seal mailing."

"We need the generous support of all to reach our goal so that it will not be necessary to cut back on our programs."

This year the campaign, under the auspices of the Halton Lung Association, hopes to raise \$130,000 across the region.

Mr. McFadden said one of every five Canadians suffers from some form of breathing problem ranging from asthma, bronchitis and emphysema to lung cancer.

He said emphysema and chronic bronchitis have become the fastest growing diseases in Canada.

In Halton, Mr. McFadden said the money would be used for a number of Milton and region programs such as smoking cessation clinics and family asthma programs.

Some of the money made through Christmas Seal donations will be part of the \$2 million lung associations across the country contribute to research.

Right now there is no known cure for emphysema, something Mr. McFadden hopes will be tackled with the money raised through Christmas Seal sales.



Bill Merredith didn't know what he could offer to Manor residents but he found he could share his passion for euchre with them. He is joined by his wife Lena (left) and Manor residents at the adjutant room.

Manor volunteers

Something shared, something gained

By JANE MULLER
 Staff Writer

If you've got an interest why not share it? That is the theory behind a couple's commitment to spend a few hours a week at Halton Centennial Manor.

For seven years, Bill Merredith heard of his wife's experiences at the home for the aged where she worked as a volunteer in the craft room and helped with field trips. But last year when Bill retired, he followed Lena's lead and became a volunteer himself.

"I didn't know what I could do," recalled Bill.

It didn't take long for him to discover one of his past times fit well with residents who shared his enjoyment of the game of euchre. "Some of them are really good players," he said, adding that each have their own style.

The Merrediths are among many volunteers who visit the Manor regularly. Bill and Lena walk to the home Tuesday mornings and usually stay about three hours.

While Bill plays cards, Lena can be found in the adjutant room brewing tea for up to 35 residents or helping with crafts. Her ability to crochet and sew made her a natural for the craft room and she has carried on a similar function in the adjutant room.

Despite the commitment of people like Bill and Lena there is a lack of volunteer help at the Manor. Volunteer co-ordinator Lorena Smith has 112 people registered as volunteers but she feels 200 are necessary to fill the need.

Grant brings brighter days to residents

A grant of more than \$15,000 has helped brighten Halton Centennial Manor.

The Brighter Day Club, consisting of 10 Manor residents was brought together to seek funds from the federal government's New Horizons program. Since securing the grant several items have been purchased which will add to the quality of life at the home for the aged.

The \$15,487 government gift has provided a video machine shared by all areas of the Manor for viewing movies. China and cutlery for the diners' club, as well as a confection oven for the baking club, a stereo and games room furniture were purchased by the group. Still to be bought are gas barbecues and outdoor furniture.

The grant must apply to recreational activities of seniors and must be requested by an organization like The Brighter Day Club which acted on the part of the Manor.

It took three months for the government to process the application under New Horizons. Approval was received at the end of August and a cheque forwarded the following day.

New Horizons was instituted by the federal Ministry of Health and Welfare in 1972 in an effort to bring seniors together for recreational and social activities.

The president of the club is Aileen Greig. Verna Callan, a member of the Manor Auxiliary, a volunteer organization serving residents acts as secretary. Manor resident George Thomson is treasurer and directors are Elizabeth McMahon, Marjorie Dyer, Marie Robinson, Harry Wood, Enid Mongraw, Mary Baker, Mabel Hadley and William Lindell.

It'll soon sound a lot like Christmas

A tradition of easy-listening music in its 15th year!

For 15 years now, The Milton Choristers have been pleasing audiences with their unique choral stylings. From humble beginnings in 1968—nine Milton women who liked to sing—the group has grown to its present 45 members, including 10 men. Originally known as The Milton Chansonettes, the group had a reputation for providing its sold-out audiences with music for the whole family, covering a wide range of tastes. In 1979, it was decided that male voices should be added to give the choir its present, full sound. The name was changed to "The Milton Choristers" but the tradition of fine music offering something for everyone continues.

The Choristers will do three concerts in their 1983-84 season, the first for Christmas on Sunday, Dec. 4 at 7 p.m. in Holy Rosary Church. Musical offerings will include some old favorites like Silent Night, O Come All Ye Faithful, The Christmas Song, 'Twas the Night Before Christmas and The Twelve Days AFTER Christmas, plus some others that are less well known—Shepherds Pipe Carol, The Jesus Child, African Christmas and An Indian Carol. Special guest artists will be the Children's Memorial Handbell Choir of Milton whose appearance last year with The Choristers was enthusiastically received. Tickets for the Christmas Concert are now available.

The annual "Spring Musicale" will take place in May and a third concert has been added for early March. This concert will feature serious works by Mozart and Brahms, with special guest, pianist, organist and recording artist, Eric Robertson. As well, The Choristers will appear on CHCH-TV's "New Faces" show in early January.

Of course the professional sound the audience hears on concert night doesn't just happen. It comes about through hours of hard work by the dedicated members and their choral director, Brainerd Blyden-Taylor.

Mr. Blyden-Taylor is no stranger to music

or hard work. He has studied at the Royal Conservatory of Music and the University of Toronto. He has been associated with the Hart House Chorus, conductor of the Hart House Singers and Hart House Summer Singers, is a member and associate conductor of the Toronto Orpheus Choir, and is music director at Humbercrest United Church in Toronto.

The Choristers are a tradition in Milton that just keep improving with age. Plan to attend their Christmas Concert (or indeed all three!) for a musical evening that will surprise and delight you, no matter what your musical tastes!

Explore psychic ability

Seeing into the future, detecting personality traits or health problems are feats not reserved for a few.

Most everyone has had a psychic experience but may not know how to develop this ability. At Milton Public Library next Tuesday evening, Jessie Zuest, a Milton resident and popular psychic, will offer her expertise.

The lecture, to begin at 7:30 p.m., will help those interested to explore their psychic abilities. Admission is free.

Three dimensional communication is a credit to students

By JANE MULLER
 Staff Writer

What place does a sing-a-long have in education?

It is a form of instruction which has E. C. Drury High School students silently "singing" with their hands in an effort to master the language of the deaf.

This is the second year a communications credit in sign language has been offered to hearing students at E. C. Drury High School. The course is open to all Grade levels and has been welcomed with a "good response", according to the instructor.

Peter Goudy, who has been teaching at the school for the hearing impaired for 14 years, is helping to open communication between his regular students and the class of hearing students.

This year he moved the location of the sign language class from the high school to its sister school. The move was not to save him the walk, but to give the hearing students more exposure to those who must communicate through signing.

Deaf culture

Mr. Goudy has made the sign language class encompass more than communication. Deaf culture, a course of study aimed at giving hearing students an appreciation of a hearing impaired person's situation, has been worked in.

What Mr. Goudy describes as the "total picture" also includes studying the causes of deafness and the anatomy of the ear.

In an effort to promote understanding between the two groups of students, Mr. Goudy has instigated an "open door policy" between 1 p.m. and 1:15 Fridays. This gives hearing impaired students, (mainly graduate and Grade 12 students), a chance to participate in the course.

The teacher sets up what is most like a spelling quiz which challenges the hearing students' skills. In small groups, his students either spell words to their hearing impaired quiz master, or sign them. This exercise, he explains, allows the novice signers a chance to see signs in their three dimensional form.

Problem solved

"The problem with learning from a book is it is difficult to represent the third dimension in a two dimensional form," Mr. Goudy said.

This one to one experience is new to the course this year, but an element sure to remain. In the first year of the credit program, students presented plays to the junior students at the hearing impaired school to promote integration.

"The one to one is definitely better," contended Mr. Goudy.

Another of his teaching methods gives students the opportunity to interpret song lyrics and sign-a-long rather than sing-a-long.

Mr. Goudy has personally benefitted from this relatively new course saying it is refreshing to teach hearing students and realize they have the "same excuses and frustrations" as teenagers with hearing handicaps.



These E.C. Drury High School students are practising their communication skills by signing the words of an Anne Murray song. This is the second year a credit course in sign language has been offered to those who share facilities with students with hearing impairments. The course includes one-to-one interaction between both groups, a plus for the integration of pupils from both schools.