

# Milton Rotary Club on the go with slew of fundraisers

The Rotary Club of Milton has a slew of fundraising events coming up starting with its 16th annual golf tournament.

That will be hosted in conjunction with the Mississauga-Airport and Mississauga-Dixie Rotary Clubs and will take place Wednesday, Sept. 13 at Granite Ridge Golf Club on Dublin Line.

The cost is \$160 per golfer, which includes green fees, lunch, a five-course dinner and power cart as well as putting and chipping contests. It also includes one free draw ticket.

Proceeds will go to Peel Partners for a drug-free community and Erinoak, a support service aimed at helping people with disabilities maintain as much independence as possible.

The tournament is only open to 144 golfers, and the cut-off date to sign up is September 6. Registration will begin at 11:15 a.m. while the shotgun start is scheduled for 12:30 p.m. Dinner awards will begin at 6:45 p.m. To sign up, or find out more about sponsorship opportunities, call Amit Karia at (416) 616-3014.

### TV auction in works

Also coming up is the Milton club's first-ever TV auction, serving Milton and Acton. It will take place Tuesday, Nov. 28 from 6 to 10:30 p.m.

Prior to auction night, donated items will be displayed via digital photography on the Rotary Club's website at [www.rotarymilton.ca](http://www.rotarymilton.ca). A short description will accompany each item to generate more interest.

Interested buyers will then have plenty of time to search out their favourite goods, which will be auctioned off on Cogeco Cable 14 on the night of the event.

"Instead of having the items hauled in or out of the studio, people call in and bid on the items," said Milton Rotary events spokesperson Carolyn Keyworth. "The phone lines start buzzing."

To donate items, call Ms Keyworth at 878-4636.

### Forecast 2001 Oct. 30

Now in its fourth successful year is the upcoming Forecast 2001 financial event.

It will take place Monday, Oct. 30 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at Granite Ridge Golf Club.

The evening will feature a panel of financial experts available to answer questions from the audience.

"They do presentations and then they're open to questions," said Ms Keyworth. "It includes supper. We've raised quite a bit of money from it in the past."

Tickets for the event cost \$35 at the door or \$30 in advance.

For tickets or more information, call Tom Dusmet at 876-1530 or Christine Sarte at 878-5852.

### Dragon boat races

Dragon boat races will come to Milton as a first-time fundraiser for the local club in partnership with the Knights of Columbus. That's scheduled for August 4, 2001 at Kelso Conservation Area.

"They're big boats. They're big, wooden, war-like canoes with a big mast in the shape of a dragon," said Ms Keyworth.

During the race, a team of 24 paddlers will row in time to a steady drumbeat. Two to four boats will race at a time, and 35 to 40 teams are expected at the event.

"They're becoming quite popular," said Ms Keyworth. "Some teams take this quite seriously. Others get together just for a laugh."

Boats and know-how will be supplied by Great White North, a Toronto company that's helping put on the event. The big boats will be brought in about a week in advance to give teams time to practice their moves.

Cash is raised by sponsoring teams. Putting a team forward costs \$600, or \$25 per member. That includes four hours of practice time and all necessary equipment.

"There have been several enormously successful dragon boat races near here," said Ms Keyworth, citing areas such as Stratford and Toronto Island.

And Kelso is a perfect location.

"When you drive past Kelso you almost salivate because it's just a perfect location," said Ms Keyworth.

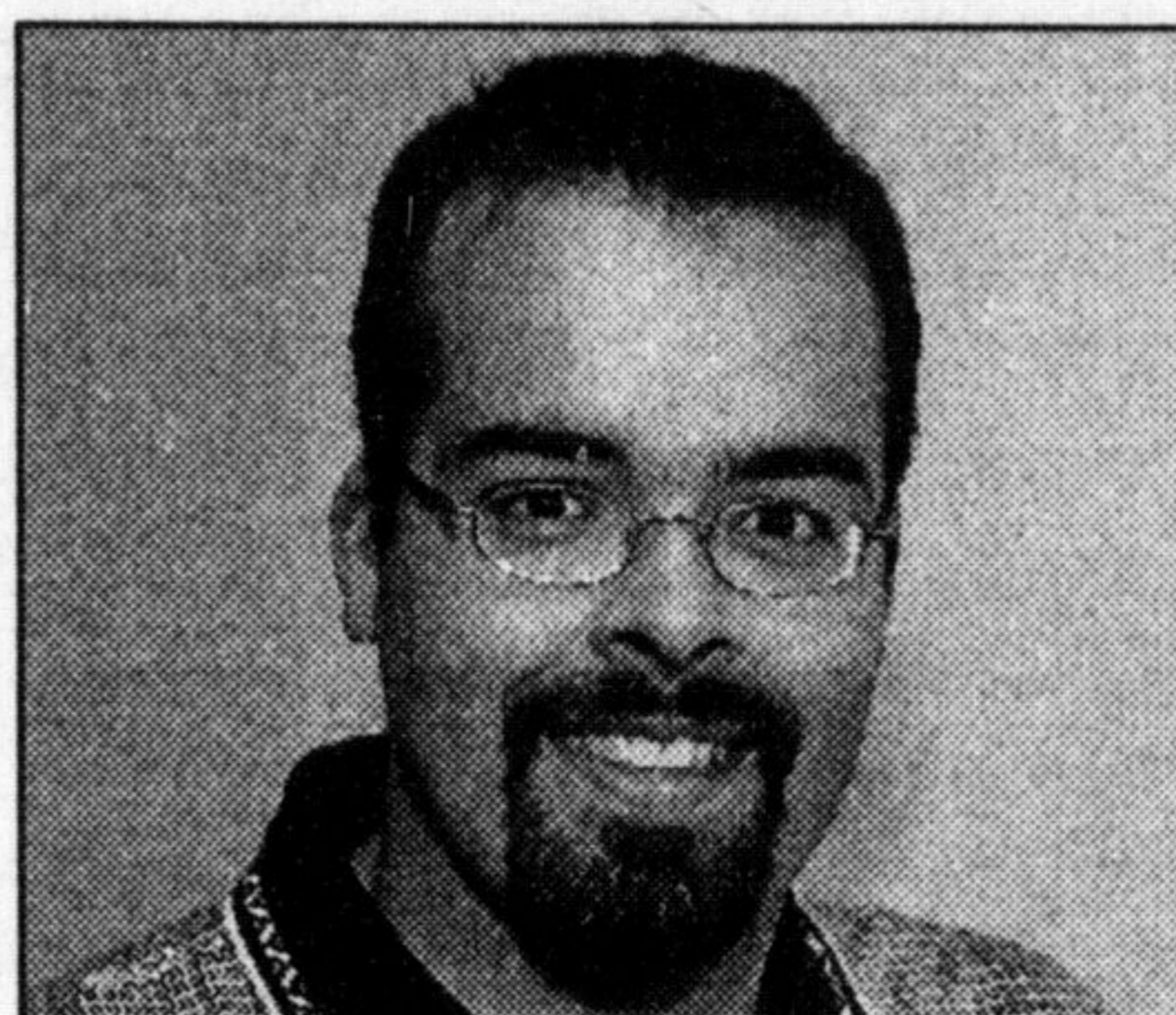
Sponsorship of a team costs \$1,500, which buys the chance to be named as a major event sponsor in all prior promotion, literature and displays.

And a \$1,000 option buys the opportunity to display and promote material on site.

To find out more about sponsorship or how to put together a team, call Paul Scherer at 878-9124 or Great White North at (416) 962-8899.

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