5th annual Pride picnic to be held tomorrow

Event at Bronte Creek Provincial Park

growing in popularity

The Halton Organization for Pride and Education (HOPE) and the Halton Pride sub-committee will host the Fifth Annual Halton Pride Picnic tomorrow at Bronte Creek Provincial Park.

The event – which runs from noon to 4 p.m. — celebrates the lives and contributions that Halton's gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, transsexual and two-spirited communities, their children, friends, families and faith communities make in the region.

Attendees will be treated to an old-fashioned picnic including music, crafts and community displays, children's play and craft area plus a host of games for all ages, including three-legged races, tug-of-war and a human treasure hunt.

Picnicers are encouraged to bring their own picnic basket lunch and enjoy pride in the country.

"HOPE and the Pride sub-committee are really excited about reaching this milestone, our fifth year," said committee chair Marcus Logan.

"Four years ago we were sitting around the table thinking we would get 40 to 50 people interested in attending the event, but

each year from the beginning we have an average of 300 people in attendance throughout the day."

This year's event is especially sweet, Mr. Logan continued, given the shift in the Canadian and provincial legal climates.

"It's been an historic year with laws becoming more equalized and in line with our Federal Charter and Ontario Human Rights Legislation for LGBTTT communities, so it feels wonderful to be sharing it with our historic fifth annual Pride Picnic," said he said.

Wednesday, Regional Council was formerly invited by Pride Picnic organizers and asked to fly the Pride flag over regional headquarters again this year.

The Halton Pride Picnic is a rain or shine event, with shelter and equal accessibility provided at the park.

To learn more about HOPE or the annual Pride Picnic, visit www.haltonpride.org, send an e-mail to info@haltonpride.org or call 1-866-429-4242.

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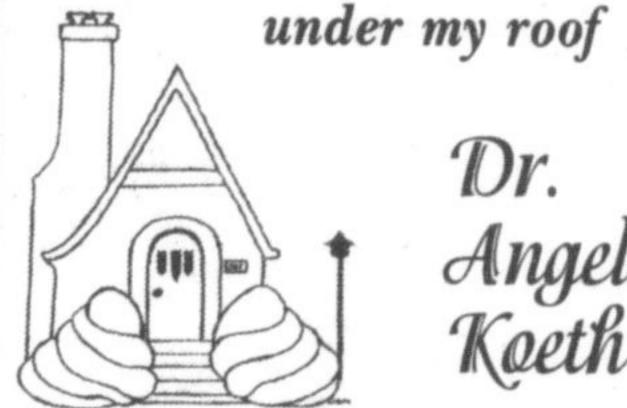
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