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# Bondar wows crowd with space photos

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Canadian astronaut Dr. Roberta Bondar speaks to guests at the Bell Chairman's Breakfast on the Environment last Friday. SABRINA BYRNES / SPECIAL TO THE CHAMPION

Area residents and students were encouraged to minimize their impact on the environment at the Bell Chairman's Breakfast on the Environment last Friday.

The event at Rattlesnake Point Golf Club — which was attended by dozens of students from 19 Halton schools, business professionals and local council members — featured astronaut Dr. Roberta Bondar as the keynote speaker.

She entertained the crowd with a slide show and discussed everything from space travel to global warming.

She told the audience that as humans, we can't help but affect the natural environment in some way.

"Everything we do, we must remember it will all have an environmental impact," she said, such as building trails.

"Only with co-operation with each other can we actually minimize the impact on the environment."

Dr. Bondar also explained that things will change over the years in the environment, so "what works today might not work tomorrow."

"The planet is constantly changing," she noted.

To illustrate that point and how it ties into global warming, she showed a series of photos of the largest fresh water ice shelf in the Arctic that's slowly melting.

She pointed out global warming isn't just related to human activity, but also ties back into the fact that the world is still changing.

Dr. Bondar went on to show the crowd photos of herself in a space shuttle and some pictures that were taken from space.

She also displayed a shot of a shuttle taking off, noting that while the shuttle does poke a hole in the ozone layer, it's a small hole that gets replaced very quickly.

She said that of the 500 people who've gone into space, only 40 of them have been women, with two of those women being from Canada. Dr. Bondar was the first Canadian woman to travel in space.

After her talk, Dr. Bondar took a few minutes to answer questions from the audience.

One woman asked her to discuss how important it is to pick up after oneself instead of littering.

"It's a huge issue," Dr. Bondar said. "People seem to default to being lazy. But if we make things, we're responsible for recycling it."

She said if she isn't near a trashcan, she'll put whatever garbage she has in her pocket until she can dispose of it.

"I carry it as a badge of honour," she said. "It's a matter of values and it's a matter of ethics."

She suggested that everyone treat the environment as a place that's meant to be preserved the way it is.

Another woman asked Dr. Bondar for a few suggestions on what one can do from day to day to help the environment.

Dr. Bondar told her she tries to get people to recycle and compost. She also referred back to the merits of not littering.

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### MISSISSAUGA HALTON LHIN SCHEDULE OF PUBLIC FORUMS

LOCATION	DATE	TIME	ADDRESS
<b>Oakville</b> Oakville Town Hall	Monday, May 1, 2006	7 p.m. – 9 p.m.	1225 Trafalgar Road Oakville, L6J 5A6
<b>Georgetown</b> Halton Hills Cultural Centre	Tuesday, May 2, 2006	7 p.m. – 9 p.m.	9 Church Street Halton Hills, L7G 2A3
<b>South Mississauga</b> Living Arts Centre	Wednesday, May 3, 2006	7 p.m. – 9 p.m.	Bank of Montreal Room 4141 Living Arts Drive Mississauga, L5B 4B8
<b>Milton</b> Country Heritage Park	Thursday, May 4, 2006	7 p.m. – 9 p.m.	Niagara Conference Room Administration Building 8560 Tremaine Road Milton, L9T 2Y3
<b>Etobicoke</b> Centennial Park Community Centre	Monday, May 8, 2006	7 p.m. – 9 p.m.	Centennial Park Ski Chalet 256 Centennial Park Road Toronto, M9C 5N3
<b>North Mississauga</b> Canadian Coptic Centre	Tuesday, May 9, 2006	7 p.m. – 9 p.m.	1245 Eglinton Avenue, West Mississauga, L5V 2M4

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