

# Let's get ready to spell; annual Bee just around the corner



### BEE THERE:

At right, event organizer Kath Beaven (aka Queen Bee) hangs out in anticipation of the annual Grate Groan-Up Spelling Bee, in which a ride at a track in a modified 550hp Ford GT (above) will be up for grabs via a live auction.



## Fundraising event aids Literacy North Halton

What do fast cars and phenomenal spellers have in common?

Not much, but both continue to be a theme for The Grate Groan-Up Spelling Bee, an annual event that's set for Thursday at Halton Hills Banquet Hall in Milton.

This year's organizers will be offering sports car racing fans the opportunity of a lifetime, with a chance to bid on a ride at a track in a Ford GT with a 550-hp engine that's been modified for even more power and torque.

Proceeds from the live auction will go toward Literacy North Halton's adult literacy programs.

Those who want to check out the ride in advance can drop by Main Street's Gallinger Ford tomorrow. The local car dealer will be sponsoring the track fees for the car and housing the vehicle in its showroom.

"This is such an amazing opportunity for car buffs," said bee organizer Theresa MacDonald. "The car is even bee-coloured — yellow with black stripes!"

The adult spelling bee keeps getting bigger, organizers said. Last year's event saw the live auction of a ride in a Ferrari Enzo and through sponsorship, the auction and ticket sales, managed to raise more than \$20,000.

Since it began in 2004, the bee has raised more than \$40,000.

The humorous event, sponsored this year by the Bronte Corporate Centre, will see 24 teams — a new record — of three battling for spelling supremacy. Teams represent a variety of local businesses, non-profit agencies and service clubs.

The Milton Mall branch of Royal Bank has won the trophy two years in a row.

Although team positions have all been filled, residents can still enjoy the event by coming out to cheer on the players and participate in the Milton Lions Audience Play-a-Long Bee. Advance tickets cost \$30 and include a meal, but space is limited, so interested folks should get their tickets soon.

Tickets are available at Elsley Optical at Milton Mall or at Delacourt's at Main and Martin streets.

For more information, call Literacy North Halton at (905) 873-2200 or visit [www.literacynh.org](http://www.literacynh.org).

## Alzheimer's needs group facilitator

Do you have a special interest in Alzheimer's disease or related dementia?

Acclaim Health (formerly VON) Alzheimer Services is looking for a group facilitator for its support group in the Georgetown area. This group offers help to family members who care for someone with dementia.

The group meets from 7 to 9 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month.

If you're interested, call Renita Wood, educational co-ordinator, at 1-800-387-7127.

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