

Association celebrates Chinese new year

What do George Bush, Marlon Brando, Al Gore, William Shakespeare and Hugh Grant have in common?

They're all rats according to the Chinese Zodiac, which consists of 12 animal signs rotated in a cycle of 12 years based on the Chinese lunar calendar.

This year's Chinese new year, celebrating the year of the rat, will take place this Thursday and will be celebrated by the Halton Region Chinese Canadian Association (HRCCA) with a fundraising dinner Saturday, Feb. 16.

The event will take place in Mississauga at Summit Garden Chinese Cuisine, 3015 Winston Churchill Blvd., just north of Dundas Street.

"It will be a fun-filled evening with authentic Chinese cuisine and live performances," said Mary Lui, HRCCA president.

The event will begin with a lion dance symbolizing awakening, renewal and prosperity. That will be followed by a 10-course dinner served in the traditional Chinese banquet style.

After-dinner entertainment will consist of modern and heritage dance performances, the parade of the god of fortune, a live band and dancing.

Karaoke challenges, a silent auction and a raffle draw will round out the evening.

A portion of the proceeds from the event will go toward the United Way of Burlington and Greater Hamilton for projects across Halton.

"We are very grateful to be this year's beneficiaries," said David Collie, board chair of the United Way of Burlington and Greater Hamilton. "Community-minded organizations like HRCCA help us to continue to invest in the lives of many."

The HRCCA is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting cultural education, understanding and interaction between the Chinese community and society at large.

Tickets to the new year event cost \$55 for members, \$65 for non-members and \$35 for kids 12 and younger. They're available by calling (905) 847-8023 or e-mailing hrcca@hrcca.ca.

Donations are also sought for the silent auction and raffle draw. For more information, visit www.hrcca.ca.

Association really needs fundraisers

Good at raising money?

The Learning Disabilities Association of Halton is looking for energetic volunteers to join its fundraising committee.

Individuals with skills in proposal development, communications and marketing are required.

The committee meets on a monthly basis.

If you're interested in assisting, call the resource centre at (905) 333-1977 or send an e-mail with a resumé to info@ldahalton.ca.

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<p>Z-71</p> <p>2004 CHEV SILVERADO LS EXT-CAB 4X4 4dr., auto, V8, black & grey two-tone, power-group, trail-tow, Z-71 package 88,429 km</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ONLY \$17,998</p>	<p>7 PASSENGER</p> <p>2007 NISSAN PATHFINDER SE 4dr., auto, 6 cyl, sterling silver, fully loaded, trail-tow package, warranty 24,525 miles</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ONLY \$23,498</p>	<p>ROCKY MOUNTAIN EDITION</p> <p>2004 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE ROCKY MOUNTAIN EDITION 4dr., auto, 6 cyl., silver & black two-tone, loaded, very clean! Tow package. 73,328 km</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SALE PRICE \$14,998</p>	<p>ONLY 48,000 km</p> <p>2005 CHEV EQUINOX LT AWD 4dr., auto, 6 cyl., grey metallic, 1 owner - GMC lease return, loaded 48,000 km</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ONLY \$15,998</p>	<p>LEATHER SUNROOF</p> <p>2004 KIA SORENTO EX 4dr., auto, 6 cyl., grey & silver-grey leather, power sunroof, trail-tow, loaded, warranty. 79,428 km</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ONLY \$15,998</p>
<p>4x4</p> <p>2003 HONDA CRV EX 4dr., auto, 4 cyl., bronze metallic, real time 4WD, pw, pdl, tilt, cruise, alloys, ABS, air conditioning. 87,994 km</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SALE PRICE \$15,998</p>	<p>1 OWNER</p> <p>2005 FORD ESCAPE XLT 4X4 4dr., auto, 6 cyl., blue & grey two-tone, pw, pdl, tilt, cruise, alloys, air conditioning, ABS, tow package. 73,400 km</p> <p style="text-align: center;">WOW! ONLY \$13,998</p>	<p>7 PASSENGER</p> <p>2002 ACURA MDX AWD 4dr., auto, 6 cyl., gold-black leather, power sunroof, climate control, loaded, very clean! 111,428 km</p> <p style="text-align: center;">WOW \$16,998</p>	<p>TWO TOPS</p> <p>2004 JEEP TJ SPORT 2dr., auto, 6 cyl., Exstream yellow - black top - black interior, air conditioning, 4x4, 1 owner, Chrysler lease return! 64,747 km</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ONLY \$15,998</p>	<p>EXCELLENT VALUE</p> <p>2005 GMC JIMMY SLS 4X4 2dr., auto, 6 cyl., pewter, loaded, 1 owner. 62,248 km</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ONLY \$11,998</p>
<p>QUAD SEATS</p> <p>2005 PONTIAC MONTANA SV6 4dr., auto, 6 cyl., dark blue - grey cloth, pw, pdl, tilt, cruise, air conditioner, ABS, CD player, warranty. 30,287 km</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ONLY \$11,998</p>	<p>SxT</p> <p>2005 DODGE CARAVAN SXT 4dr., auto, 6 cyl., silver-grey cloth, quad seats, chrome alloys, TV - DVD 38,485 km</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ONLY \$13,998</p>	<p>4x4</p> <p>2002 CHEV S-10 CREW CAB 4X4 4dr., auto, 6 cyl., cranberry red, pw, pdl, tilt, cruise, air conditioning, ABS, CD & more 69,000 km</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ONLY \$12,998</p>	<p>STEPSIDE</p> <p>2003 GMC SONOMA SLS EXT CAB auto, 4.3L 6 cyl, black - black cloth, loaded, sharp looking truck 89,000 km</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ONLY \$12,998</p>	<p>LEATHER</p> <p>2005 MERCEDES ML 350 4dr., auto, 6 cyl., diamond black - black leather, loaded. 89,000 km</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ONLY \$25,998</p>
<p>ALL THE TOYS</p> <p>2005 BMW 325i PREMIUM 4dr., auto, 6 cyl., all wheel drive, silver-grey-black leather, power sunroof, xenon lights, 17" rims, warranty, BMW lease return, BMW certified 164,235 km</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ONLY \$26,588</p>	<p>ALL THE TOYS</p> <p>2005 BMW 325i PREMIUM 4dr., auto, 6 cyl., all wheel drive, silver-grey - black leather, power sunroof, xenon lights, 17" alloys, warranty, BMW lease return. 39,115 km</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ONLY \$27,588</p>	<p>WOW</p> <p>2000 BMW 540i PREMIUM SPORT 4dr., auto, 8 cyl., British racing green, ivory leather, very sharp! Too many options to list! Super clean! 71,178 km</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ONLY \$16,998</p>	<p>CONVERTIBLE</p> <p>2001 MERCEDES SLK - 230 2dr., auto, 4 cyl., kompressor, silver - black leather, power convertible top, super condition, fully loaded 92,000 km</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ONLY \$22,998</p>	<p>4-MATIC</p> <p>2004 MERCEDES E-320 4MATIC 4dr., auto, 6 cyl., sterling silver - black leather, fully loaded, warranty, xenon lights, power sunroof, lower lease return. 68,423 km</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ONLY \$29,998</p>
<p>CONVERTIBLE</p> <p>2006 SMART FORTWO PASSION 2dr., auto, 3 cyl., diesel, pw, pdl, pm, AM/FM, CD, disc CD changer, ABS, keyless entry, fog lights, warranty, silver w/bright orange interior 5,300 km</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ONLY \$17,998</p>	<p>SAVE FUEL</p> <p>2005 SMART FORTWO PASSION CDI 2dr., auto, 3 cyl., diesel, pw, pdl, pm, AM/FM, CD, ABS, keyless entry, panoramic sunroof, fog lights, silver with grey interior. 70,244 km</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ONLY \$12,998</p>	<p>LOW KM</p> <p>2003 MAZDA PROTEGE 5 4dr., auto, 4 cyl., silver with black cloth interior, loaded, sunroof, fog lights, alloy wheels. 59,853 km</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ONLY \$10,998</p>	<p>VERY CLEAN</p> <p>2002 NISSAN ALTIMA SE 4dr., auto, 6 cyl., black on black leather interior, fully loaded, alloy wheels. 160,000 km</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ONLY \$7,998</p>	<p>SPORTY</p> <p>2005 PONTIAC GRAND AM GT 2dr., auto, 6 cyl, silver on grey cloth interior, all power options, ABS, traction control, alloy wheels, fog lights. 50,000 km</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ONLY \$11,398</p>
<p>GOOD VALUE</p> <p>2004 DODGE NEON SX2.0 4dr., auto, 4 cyl., PW, PM, PDL, AM/FM, CD, cruise control, silver on black interior, fog lights. 108,775 km</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ONLY \$5,998</p>	<p>LOW PRICE</p> <p>1999 PONTIAC GRAND PRIX SE 4dr., auto, 6 cyl., silver-grey cloth interior, fully loaded, ABS, traction control, fog lights, keyless entry. 164,235 km</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ONLY \$3,998</p>	<p>LOW KM</p> <p>2002 SATURN SC1 3dr., auto, 4 cyl, black on grey cloth interior, AM/FM, CD, power locks, keyless entry, alloy wheels. 62,759 km</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ONLY \$5,998</p>	<p>FULLY LOADED</p> <p>2003 SATURN ION 3 4dr., auto, 4 cyl., blue on grey interior, PW, PDL, PM, AM/FM, CD, keyless entry, sunroof, alloy wheels. 83,932 km</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ONLY \$7,998</p>	<p>LEATHER</p> <p>2001 CHRYSLER PT CRUISER LTD 4dr., 5 speed, 4 cyl, silver on beige leather, fully loaded, AM/FM, CD, alloy wheels, fog lights, keyless entry. 163,000 km</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ONLY \$5,998</p>

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