



## NOTICE OF A LIBERAL MEETING

Notice is given of a Founding Meeting of a Federal Liberal Association for the NEW ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF OAKVILLE-MILTON consisting of that part of the Regional Municipality of Halton contained in the Town of Oakville and that part of the Town of Milton lying northeasterly of Tremaine Road and southeasterly of the Macdonald-Cartier Freeway, for the following purposes:

- 1) to constitute a Federal Liberal Association for the NEW ELECTORAL DISTRICT by the adoption of a constitution; and
- 2) to elect an executive for the Association.

**Date and Time:** Friday, February 26, 1988 at 7:30 pm  
**Place:** Briarwood Inn (Formerly Holiday Inn), Iroquois Shore Road, just East of Trafalgar Road, Oakville.

Any resident of the new electoral district who wishes to vote at the meeting must join the Halton Federal Liberal Association by the cut-off date.

Membership Cut-off will be held at 274 Kerr St. (Lower Level), Oakville, on Friday, February 19, 1988 at 7:30 p.m.

For more information, contact any of the following:

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## Big Brothers' goal for bowl is \$20,000

In this year's Bowl for Millions, to be held Saturday, Feb. 20, at the Oakville Bowlerama and the Georgetown Bowl, the Big Brothers of Halton hope to raise \$20,000.

"We operate on just \$90,000 a year, a small budget when you consider the extent of our duties and responsibilities," said Ron Johnston, president of Big Brothers of Halton.

It takes a lot of time, care and money to match and maintain a Big and Little Brother pair. Currently, Big Brothers of Halton has 80 matches. Thirty Little Brothers are unmatched.

Every Big and Little Brother is screened before being accepted to the agency. Once accepted and matched, close contact is maintained to ensure that there are no difficulties.

In order to do this, Big Brothers of Halton employs two full-time social workers, Evelyn Rea and Tordis Coakley who doubles as Executive Director. A part-time secretary, Deanna Daugilis, keeps things running smoothly.

The funds from Bowl for Millions also go toward fees for each Little Brother registered with the agency to attend a week at Camp McGovern, which is a Big Brothers resident summer camp.

Each boy also has the opportunity to join a sport or activity. Big Brothers of Halton will pay the registration fees. Coming from

father-absent homes, many of these families would not be able to afford the fees required without the help of the agency.

Upon acceptance to the program, the Little Brothers are given a course in street-proofing. The younger boys are taught about this with the help of a colouring and discussion book called "Red Flag, Green Flag People." The older boys may view a video or be taught by a social worker.

Mr. Johnston said, "the reason our operating costs are so low is because of the many volunteers who devote numerous hours to the agency. The more than 20 members of the Board of Directors from all parts of the Region are all volunteers, as are the Big Brothers themselves."

"Mothers and students also devote time to helping us out," said Mrs. Coakley. At present, three students from three different departments at Sheridan College are helping us. One is from the Social Services Program, one from the Human Services Administration, and the third is in Media Writing. We are very fortunate to have the able assistance of the students and parents, community involvement and support keeps us alive.

If you would like to bowl in the Bowl For Millions on February 20, or sponsor a bowler, call Big Brothers of Halton at 845-6456 or 876-4756.

## Having a Big Brother is a real help, says mother

By ROSE STARRATT

Rose Starratt is the parent of two Little Brothers who benefit from proceeds of the annual Big Brothers Bowl for Millions in Halton. The fund raiser will be held Saturday, Feb. 20.

What's it like to grow up in a father-absent home? Coming from a family that had two parents, I really don't know. So, I asked Eddy and Stanley. My sons.

From what they tell me it's like trying to read a book only every other page is torn out. You have to guess at what the other pages contain. I can relate to that.

Fortunately, they no longer have to guess. They were successfully matched to Big Brothers four years ago.

Stanley is the kid who hangs from the highest tree in the neighborhood, usually upside down. He likes adventure and explores every little nook and cranny that crosses his path. I expect Brian was the same sort of child. Brian is Stanley's Big Brother, a firefighter, married and a father.

They explore caves, scale cliffs, hike and yes, climb tall trees together.

Eddy likes art, cars, movies and always wants to know what makes things go. He also likes sports. Randy, his Big Brother, is the same. They go to the movies or rent them, play hockey together and frequent car shows. Sometimes, they just talk, very important to a 13 year old trying to discover where he fits into the world.

Randy and Brian are not paid for this, at least not with money. They volunteered to spend time with Eddy and Stanley, to help them grow up and enjoy it at the same time.

Fridays used to be bad days at our house. The boys would come home

from school, dejected because their friends were going somewhere or doing something with their fathers. All they had to look forward to was another weekend with mom and her female roommates.

Now they have something other to look forward to. A few hours with their Big Brothers.

Also, they have been able to attend camp for the last four years. The Big Brothers of Halton have sponsored them for Camp McGovern for a week each summer. For single parents, that is an unaffordable luxury.

Eddy also plays softball, with the Kinsmen Minor Softball. This too is funded every spring by the Big Brothers of Halton. Last year, he won the Good Sport Award!

But, this would not be possible without the support of the community. Big Brothers come from the community as do the funds for Bowl for Millions.

This year, Eddy and Randy, Stanley and Brian will be at the Bowling house bowling for Big Brothers.

## Sober drivers to be rewarded

Anyone stopped in a spot check operated by Halton Regional Police officers working out of Platoon 1 will now receive a reward for their time.

If the driver has not been drinking, the officers who cover Halton Hills and Milton will hand them a key tag. The 10,000 tags were supplied by Molson's.

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