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Community Notebook

Best of Baroque: Virtuoso violinist Lance Elbeck of the Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra will be featured in the final Nocturne Series concert this Friday at 8 p.m. The works of Handel and J. S. Bach will be performed under the direction of conductor Boris Brott at Milton Baptist Church. Tickets cost \$15 for adults and \$10 for seniors and students and can be reserved by calling 875-1200.

Stamp Fair: Members of the Milton Stamp Club will hold their annual stamp extravaganza at Halton Centennial Manor Auditorium. The seventh annual Milton Stamp Fair will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The event includes a 14-dealer stamp bourse.

Family Ski Races: Register between 9 a.m. and noon for the Milton Quarry/Ron Ellis Race at Glen Eden Ski Area on Sunday March 4. Organizers promise fun and prizes for the whole family. Races start at 1 p.m.

Musical Bursary: High school aged vocal music students are invited to apply for the \$200 Lorne Brown Memorial Bursary offered by Milton Choristers. The award is designed to assist students planning to further studies in music. Letters of application should describe music training as well as contributions to school and community. Deadline is April 30. Send applications to Don Clements, president, Milton Choristers, Box 405, Milton, L9T 4Y9.

Horse Trails Closed: There will be no riding on horse trails in the north/east sections of Bronte Creek Provincial Park until spring maintenance crews finish their work at the end of May. When the trails reopen, riders are requested to stay on the marked trails. This will ensure minimal compact on the environment.

Quilt Show: Demonstrations of the new "freezer paper technique" will be among the attractions at the 12th annual Halton Quilter's Guild Quilt Show. A large quilt made by the guild will be set up in a frame and quilted during the show. This year's quilt will be donated to Halton Women's Place. The three-day event runs from April 20-22 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at River Oaks Recreation Centre, 2400 Sixth Line, Oakville. Admission is \$2.50.

Break for Kids: History can be fun, at least that's what participants in Halton Region Museum's March Break program will discover. Treasure hunts, spinning, weaving, churning butter and learning lessons in a one-room school will be among the activities planned between noon and 4 p.m. March 12-16. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Admission costs \$3. For information call 875-2200.

At-Risk Learners: Teachers from Maplehurst Correctional Centre's education centre took part in a recent province-wide conference on programming and strategies for at-risk students. The Maplehurst employees were among 275 persons who serve the at-risk population, in attendance at the conference sponsored by the new Ontario Association for Students At Risk.

Donations of time

More volunteers needed

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— Lorraine Street

By KAREN SMITH
MORE THAN 1,000 volunteers in Milton donated 35,320 hours of their time to 16 non-profit organizations last year.

But this impressive statistic is topped by an even greater one, according to Lorraine Street, co-ordinator of the Milton Volunteer Centre. Believe it or not, more volunteers are needed.

"That's a drop in the bucket to what's being done," she said.

"There are thousands of volunteers in Milton already, but the need continues to grow. People seem to be surprised that there is such a need."

Staff cutbacks, the aging population and more women in the work force have all contributed to the high demand for volunteers, she said.

Of 65 agencies in the volunteer centre's files, most are searching for drivers — not a glamorous job; but a service organizations such as the Halton Children's Aid Society and the Canadian Red Cross Society desperately require.

Transportation

Many Milton children, senior citizens and disabled people can't drive themselves to important appointments and taxis are expensive.

Local public transportation doesn't always travel to certain destinations and most often it isn't a viable option, said Ms Street.

"Most volunteer drivers get reimbursed for miles and some get reimbursed for expenses like meals," she explained.

Numerous organizations rely on volunteer board and committee members and you don't have to hold a university degree to get involved, said Ms Street who enjoys her job at the



Photo by JON BLACK

Monica Newman is one of thousands of Milton volunteers who donate their time and energy to a good cause. Here, Ms Newman works with three-year-olds Leeanne Given (left) and Jonathan Gross at Tinker Bell Nursery for Physically Mentally Handicapped Children.

centre which opened in September 1988.

"In many cases, volunteers are the back bone of organizations."

Among more than 100 volunteer opportunities currently available are answering telephones at distress centres and befriending seniors and shut-ins through visitation.

Volunteers seem to be most interested in literacy programs,

according to Ms Street.

A selection of full and part-time positions are available with any hours desired and with both short and long-term commitments.

"There are positions available in everything from board of directors right down to front line work," she said.

In return, volunteers get the satisfaction of making a difference as well as some impressive ink for their resumes.

"Contrary to what many people believe, companies do take volunteer work seriously," said Ms Street.

Located in the Optimist Centre on Commercial Street, the Milton Volunteer Centre serves as an outlet for groups in need of volunteers and volunteers in need of work.

"About 90 per cent of people who come in don't know what they want to do," she said.

After a thorough interview, Ms. Street will help solve that problem, she added.

Special week

The thousands of Miltonians who already donate their time to needy organizations will be honoured during Volunteer Week (Apr. 22-28).

Events will include an open house at Bishop Reding Secondary School Sunday, Apr. 22 from 2 to 4 p.m.

A special supplement celebrating the immeasurable contributions of Milton's volunteers will be published in *The Champion* during the week prior to Volunteer Week.

The Milton Volunteer Centre, a program of the Halton Social Planning Council, is open from 1 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays and from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Thursdays.

For more information, call 876-4756.

Heritage Hunt contest winners

Milton residents Sandy Cheskey, Holly Lillico and eight-year-old Marissa Cheskey were all winners in the Heritage Hunt contest published in the January 31 issue of *The Champion*.

Ms Cheskey and Ms Lillico each won \$50 dinner vouchers for Hickory's at the Heritage Inn while Marissa won a gift certificate for W.H. Smith Bookstore.

Answers for contest are as follows:

1. J. Scott Early Funeral Home, 21 James St.
2. Halton Regional Health Unit (old town hall), 251 Main St. E.
3. Oddfellows Hall, 174 Main St. E.
4. Movioja (old post office), 243 Main St. E.
5. Audrey Meredith Dance Centres Ltd., 198 Main St. E.
6. Knox Presbyterian Church, 170 Main St. E.
7. Milton town hall (old court house), Victoria Park Square
8. Grace Anglican Church, 317 Main St. E.
9. Miltowne Centre, Main and Martin sts.
10. St. Paul's United Church, 123 Main St. E.

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