

King's Recreation Director Has Simple Philosophy

By FRED SIMPSON

Twenty-year-old Marion Iliohan is her own best example when she states her philosophy about recreation is to avoid letting it become "big business or over-organized" in King Township.

Miss Iliohan is King's first recreation co-ordinator and if she wore "office" hats she would be wearing a number of different ones for each of her positions.

She's alone. "I'm my own public relations officer, secretary, advertiser, guest speaker, and so on," she was saying the other day in her small-but-bright cubicle at the King Township municipal office.

She enjoys it but does admit that she gets tough with her secretary sometimes when she doesn't do things right.

She talks to herself. Not really.

Miss Iliohan, more or less, created her own "position" as co-ordinator a year ago when she convinced members of the township's recreation committee there was a need for her in that field.

SCHOMBERG START
"I was a playground supervisor at Schomberg (where she was born) and there was four weeks left before I went back to school," she said.

So she approached the com-

mittee and suggested the idea of co-ordinating some recreational activities in the municipality and in particular taking up a survey to find out the needs if any.

She was already attending Humber College on a recreation course and it all worked in with her plans.

NEED PROVEN
What the survey did was convince the committee a full-time co-ordinator was a necessity and Miss Iliohan just happened to be available for the job.

"So here I am," she said. "It's a year later and I'm still doing things by trial and error. But I feel I'm accomplishing what I set out to do."

Miss Iliohan admits the job has entailed more than she originally envisaged, such as a lot of paper work as well as "running" around the municipality and making speeches two or three times a week to groups who are interested.

"I'm basically a shy person," she said, "but I do enjoy getting out and talking to all kinds of people and explaining what my purpose is."

MAINLY CO-ORDINATION
That purpose is mainly of a co-ordinating or advisory position working in conjunction with the committee which "has been very co-operative with me and lets me work out my own

program."

Her major achievement to date has been a recent survey of the township's needs in recreation which has just been released and contains six full-page pages of concise commentary.

"I could have easily written 40 pages," she said, "but I wanted to keep it down to a minimum, keep it simple, so people wouldn't have to wade through pages of dull statistics."



MARION ILIOHAN

Miss Iliohan is a native of the township and figures this initially helped her to understand the type of disparate municipality her township is.

RECREATION PHILOSOPHY

Her philosophy? "I realize that King is different from other places and for that reason I am considered a recreation co-ordinator. My philosophy of recreation here is that such programming and planning has to be co-ordinated between the people of the communities and the recreation department.

"If the call is present for an activity, and if the resources and facilities available, then institute a program. This is what is happening now with the programs that we are offering and they are quite successful considering recreation is new to the residents of King Township."

She further states that "recreation, in many areas, has become big business and over-organized. And in my mind this should not happen in King Township as it is a beautiful and peaceful township and rural."

SHOULD BE FLEXIBLE
"I feel recreation in King should be flexible so people are given the opportunity to do things other than take their

children to hockey, figure skating, baseball and the like.

"These activities are not for everyone. Young and old alike enjoy doing something that is more relaxed or should I say not as highly organized. Society today is highly competitive, so why should you have to compete when you are participating in recreation?"

Miss Iliohan observed also that "there are many new people moving into King with new ideas and thoughts. People are becoming increasingly aware of what is happening to society with advanced technology and automation. They are beginning to realize they have to get out and do things for themselves and out of the norm of what is usually considered part of being a homeowner and parent."

MUST RE-CREATE
"They are realizing that they have to re-create intellectually, emotionally, socially and culturally away from the home, with their family and friends, and if I may use an example, the ever-popular television."

Miss Iliohan is readily available to anyone wanting to obtain additional information or who has ideas for some recreation program.

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Elgin Mills And Jefferson News

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Sunday at 10:30 am there will be a celebration of Holy Communion at St. John's Anglican.

Sunday the 1st Jefferson Cubs and Scouts and their leaders attended the service of Morning Prayer at St. John's for their annual church parade. The first person was dramatized by one of the Cubs and Scouts and Akela Mrs. Betty Tutton read the second lesson.

The junior young people will meet Friday evening as usual.

The Spiritual Life Fellowship will meet February 25 at Stouffville. A penitential service will be held in St. John's Ash Wednesday at 8 pm. The regular mid-week fellowship will be cancelled for that day.

St. John's "Mixed Blessings" sang at the Fishnet

coffee house in Richvale February 16.

Community News
Kevin Jefferson of the 1st Jefferson Cub Pack took a first place ribbon and won a hiker's pack February 16 at the annual Sixer and Seconds' Day at Grace Anglican Church, Markham. David Nelson, Russ Ransome and Richard Gibson also attended this outdoor event. This week birthday greet-

ings go to Sally Strowbridge, who will be nine February 23; to Louise Wiley who will be 10, to Marnie Ashton who will be nine, and to Steven Blumenthal who will be eight, February 25; to Michelle Martin who will be nine and to Corrine Nicoloff who will be 12 February 26; and to Glen Gadsby who will be eight and to Michael O'Donnell who will be 12 February 27.

Good Morning Group Learns About Children's Aid Society

Many members of the BMG gathered on the morning of February 13 to see a film entitled "A Way Out" presented by Mrs. Taylor of the Children's Aid Society. It was a very moving and dramatic film of children rejected by parents and society alike through no fault of their own and how they suffer when this happens.

The Child Welfare Act defines them as children "in need of protection". Needing protection can mean many things. Briefly summarized, it might mean when a child's life is in danger. It might mean when natural parents are unwilling or unable to care for or to control their child. It might mean when a child is being permitted or even encouraged to break the law. It might mean when a child habitually runs away or plays truant.

Where evidence of such situations can be established in court (in a private hearing), a child may be taken into care — usually the care of a Children's Aid Society.

The Child Welfare Branch of the Ministry of Community and Social Services is that part of the government reaching out to protect children and their rights, ensuring that the provisions of the Child Welfare Act are carried out.

Serving as agents of the Ministry in providing direct service to children are the

province's 50 Children's Aid Societies. The Children's Aid was founded in Toronto in 1891 as a private agency to assist waifs found neglected or abandoned in the streets. The movement spread throughout the province and now there is a society in every area.

During the years the Child Welfare Branch and the societies have developed a close relationship. The two are colleagues, united in their concern for Ontario's children. This is a rare kind of partnership in which government and private agencies work together in a common cause.

After the film which stimulated many questions, Mrs. Taylor answered queries which pertained to child abuse, foster parenting, adoptions, etc. Mrs. Taylor said that very few infants (children up to 5 years of age) are available for adoption. Boys in the nine to 12 year age group are the children most in need of homes. This is because that most persons, wrongly she believes, think that girls are easier to raise and of course girls do not carry on the family name. Foster parents for teenagers are in great demand.

In all, it was a very interesting discussion and enjoyed by all. Mrs. Taylor was thanked for coming by Donna Matthews.

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