



### McDonald's in Hill an honorary Big Brother

As a token of appreciation for the generosity shown by McDonald's Restaurant in Richmond Hill in providing free lunches for more than 30 Big and Little Brothers following the Big Brothers' fall car rally, the company was awarded an honorary membership by Big Brothers' president Joe Gaspar of Aurora.

Pictured above (left to right) are McDonald's owner-operator Peter Miller, Joe Gaspar, restaurant manager Bob Barthelme

and assistant manager Bruce Park.

The object of the Big Brother Association is to help the individual fatherless boy, age six to 16, develop a way of living that is personally and socially adequate. At present, says Mr. Gaspar, there are 20 Little Brothers on the waiting list.

Active Big Brothers are urgently needed. Financial assistance is also needed to keep the association going. Their mailing address is Box 34, Aurora, and telephone number 727-1251.

(Photo by Elbert)



### Seniors enjoy pot luck luncheon, games day

About 75 members of Richmond Hill Senior Citizens Club No. 35 enjoyed a pot luck noon luncheon at the club rooms, 10149 Yonge Street, last Thursday.

When the dishes were cleared away, the members used the new tables and chairs for playing euchre, crokinole, checkers and cribbage. Everyone had such a good time there were many requests for a repeat of the affair in the near future.

The Wednesday and Saturday afternoon euchres and games are being well attended, but more playing members would be welcome.

A current club project is renovation of the basement of the clubroom for workshop activities and shuffleboard.

Keep in mind the night euchre at 7 pm February 4. All are welcome. Tickets \$1 — prizes and refreshments.

The Kinette Club of Richmond Hill celebrated its 20th anniversary with a dinner at the Summit View Gardens restaurant on January 14.

Twenty members, past and present, attended, including ten past presidents. These are Mrs. Muriel Flagler, Mrs. Mary Neal, Mrs. Lorrie Gemmill, Mrs. May Thompson, Mrs. Pat Mills, Mrs. Isabelle Robinson, Mrs. Nelly Van Hoof, Mrs. Gill Smith and Mrs. Marge Hetherington.

Following the dinner and brief business meeting Mrs. Dianne Weber and Mrs. Pat Johnston of the Rape Crisis Centre gave a talk on rape — how to deal with it and the long-term effects it may have on a woman. Telephone number at the centre is 487-2345.

#### DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Winners January 10 north-south were Fred Mills and Fred Tierney first, Kathie Millree and Theresa Tierney second, George Laundry and Ron Dickie third; east-west Ruth and Gerry Browning first, Edna and Bob Dunn second, Marie and Stew Cole third.

On January 13 A section winners were Stew Cole and Murray Hallett first, Cleta and Fred Dieken second, Sandy and Ross Jenkinson third. B section winners were north-south Natalie Platner and George Dimitroff first, Bobby and Gordon Bubb and Adele and John Shearer tied for second; east-west Ann and Hank Jansen first, Brian Whalley and R. Seabrooke second and Olive and Lorne Parker third.

January 15 winners were north-south Eileen Phippen and Edna Dunn first, Sandy Jenkinson and Heather Burley second, Natalie Platner and CCorra Gillham third; east-west Betty Longmore and Jean Honan first, Rita Parisella and Sharon Mancel second, Mabel Howe and Phyl Mounthoy third.

There will be a club tournament for open pairs January 29. For information and partners call Marie Cole, 773-4280, or Natalie Platner, 884-1689.

Cigarette smoking is a major cause of emphysema, chronic bronchitis, lung cancer and heart disease.

Members of Delta Lambda chapter of Beta Sigma Phi enjoyed an evening of drama at the home of Carol Draper. Guest for the evening, drama teacher Sheila Ziedenberg, led the group in a series of exercises, mime and improvisation.

Special thoughts go out to Delta Lambda member, Joan Thompson, who is recovering from surgery.

Richmond Hill United is having its annual meeting January 29, starting with coffee and dessert at 7:30 pm with the meeting following at 8 pm. Anyone needing transportation should contact the church office.

The Seekers youth group at Richmond Hill United will be meeting at 7:30 pm Sundays from now on instead of on Sunday mornings.

A Tuesday evening young people's study group under leadership of Mrs. Rosalind McLeod got underway this week. Anyone interested in participating should call McLeod at 889-8594.

The monthly meeting of St. Paul's Lutheran Women last week opened with devotions conducted by Mrs. Floris Dauphinee. Pastor James Dauphinee then directed a Bible study. Small groups were formed for individual discussion, then all met for full group participation.

Two themes were discussed: "Something is missing in our lives and/or faith if we can't share the experiences of Heaven" and "The Church, who needs it?"

Mrs. Jean Evensen, who was re-elected president for two additional years, proceeded with the business meeting. The newly elected committee chairwomen presented their reports. They are: secretary Mrs. Barbara Kerr; treasurer Mrs. Ida Lindgren; faith and life Mrs. Sylvia Limpert; outreach Mrs. Lilo Lindemann; fellowship Mrs. Erica Bratfisch and Christian action, Mrs. Pat Ash.

Following the business, Mrs. Ash presented the LCW pin to Mrs. Evensen in recognition of the time and effort given to the group in her term of office over the past two years.

The evening concluded with lunch served by Mrs. Kerr and Mrs. Margaret Kraft.

The Curtain Club Theatre is in rehearsal for its next production, Neil Simon's "The Gingerbread Lady". Director Tony Miller has cast Pat Kantaroff as his leading lady and Clive Ryland as the leading man.

Supporting cast consists of Yvette Steel and newcomers Katharine Amos, Clayton Warner and Phil Skinner.

The play opens February 7 and tickets are \$2.50 Wednesdays and Thursdays, \$3 for Fridays and Saturdays. There will be reduced rates Wednesday nights for students. For tickets call 889-3967.

the piano teacher Estelle Markham 884-3787

### Making good marriages better theme for Family Services series

People with successful marriages can learn how to keep them that way in a new program being offered by Richmond Hill and Thornhill Family Services.

A marriage enrichment group for couples is being formed and will meet on six consecutive Mondays from 8 to 10 pm beginning January 27.

This is not a therapy group, but will be relatively unstructured where, in an informal and relaxed setting, couples can share with each other ways of enriching their marriages

and overcoming obstacles that arise in even the best of marriages.

The group will be led by Bob Murcar, a member of the family services staff, and his wife, Joan.

Mr. Murcar became interested in leading such a group after spending a weekend last fall with David and Vera Mace, authors of "You Can Have Better Marriages If You Want Them".

The main focus in the group, said Mr. Murcar in an interview, is positive — a sharing of experiences in marriage and the ways in which the various participating couples have resolved them.

In his experience as a

Presbyterian minister and a marriage counsellor, Mr. Murcar has found that happy couples are people who are still working at their marriage.

"This is true in all cases of successful marriage. You never really arrive at a place where you don't have to work at it," he says. His prime interests are in communications and interpersonal relations.

A graduate of the University of Toronto and Knox College, Mr. Murcar did post graduate work in religion and psychiatry at Union Theological Seminary in New York, the first seminary to offer such a course.

Now pastor of the small Roxborough Presbyterian Church in Hamilton and a trained therapist counsellor, Mr. Murcar works with a family counselling service in Burlington as well as with the local family services, commuting between Hamilton, Burlington and Richmond Hill. He and Mrs. Murcar have two children — Janis, 14, and Andrew, 12.

The new marriage enrichment program, which will be limited to eight couples at a cost of \$20 per couple, will take place in the family services centre at 10225A Yonge Street. To register call 884-9148.



### Kresge's December winner

Shopping at the S. S. Kresge Store in Richmond Heights Centre in December proved a very lucky decision for Mrs. Andrew Mason, 156 May Avenue, Richmond Hill. She cashed her December family allowance cheque for \$40 in that store, filled out a form and deposited it in the receptacle provided. Thus she became Kresge's winner of the month and has another \$40 to spend as she chooses.

Mrs. Mason is seen in the above picture accepting her windfall from Assistant Store Manager Doug Silverthorn.

### Ecumenical choir in rehearsal for Messiah

The Canada Council has recognized the quality and potential of the Richmond Hill Ecumenical Choir by giving a grant toward its major production of the season, Mendelssohn's "Elijah". The choir is very proud of this tribute.

When rehearsals for the "Elijah" started last week the attendance was very encouraging, with a number of new members in the tenor and bass sections.

Conductor Edward Luka announced that, while it was good to see new faces, the choir will have to be closed to new members after the next two rehearsals. Anyone wishing to join for this performance, must therefore turn out immediately and be prepared to attend all rehearsals on Monday evenings and every third Sunday afternoon in the month at Our Lady Queen of the World Roman Catholic Church, Bayview at Crosby Avenue in Richmond Hill.

Mendelssohn's "Elijah" is a very challenging choral work and is the biggest venture yet undertaken by the choir. Many citizens and businesses in the town have been approached to give the additional financial assistance it needs.

Without extra help from

the public and its patrons, the choir, like other choirs and orchestras, cannot put on a production of this stature.

The choir's application for registration as a Canadian charitable organization has been accepted and it is now authorized to give receipts that are tax-deductible to all contributors.

Audiences at the Christmas concerts may have wondered at the absence of Brenda Ash Luka, principal soprano soloist. Mrs. Luka was busy at the time with a performance of the "Messiah" in St. Catharines where she was the soprano soloist.

Mrs. Luka has recently been appointed soprano soloist for Timothy Eaton Memorial Church on St. Clair Avenue in Toronto, a much coveted position for singers of church music.

### Nutrition topic for UWC

Nutrition Canada and its implications will be the topic for discussion at the forthcoming meeting of the York County branch, University Women's Club.

A member of the dietary staff of York County Hospital, Newmarket, Ann-Marie Mason, will be the speaker. Mrs. Mason is a former teacher and regional nutritionist with the Milk Foundation of Ontario.

The meeting will take place January 27, beginning at 8:30 pm, at Kingcrafts House, Keele Street, King City. Guests are welcome. For further information call Janet Fayle, 884-3348.

Old and new residents of the Hill are interested in what is going on in the community — service clubs, church groups, social happenings. Keep them informed through "It's Happening In The Hill".

Items for inclusion in the current issue of "The Liberal" should reach Social Editor Margaret Lade, 10101 Yonge Street, Box 390 Richmond Hill, by 10 am on MONDAY.

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