

York South Division Girl Guide display on view at Hillcrest Mall February 15-21

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The Girl Guides, Brownies, Rangers and Cadets along with their leaders invite the public to visit them at their display area in the Hillcrest Mall February 15 to 21. Drop by and say hello! We'd like to show and tell you about our activities.

The public is also invited to attend the open house at the national office of the Girl Guides of Canada, 50 Merton Street, Toronto, on February 22. The office will be open from 10 am to 9 pm and is two blocks south of Davisville just off Yonge Street.

International Night
The Richmond Hill East district of the Girl Guides invites parents and relatives

of the Brownies and Guides to attend International Night, February 21, from 7-9:30 pm. Crafts, displays and songs will be featured. The Rangers will again provide a tea court and bake sale to help finance their planned trip to Mexico this summer.

Study pioneer life
The 9th Thornhill Brownies are currently working on their Canada badge. In connection with this interest badge, a volunteer from Gibson House in Willowdale, Mrs. Mary Davies, showed the girls how she spins wool and dyes it.

On January 21, the girls went on an outing to Gibson House where the girls observed many aspects of pioneer days. Other interest badges the girls have earned are: Leslie Sloane,

craft, petkeeper, cook, housekeeper; Annette O'Byrne, art appreciation. (Gayle Feltham submitted this report of the girls' activities).

Visit Orange Home
From the 10th Thornhill Brownies comes this report by Mrs. Marylyne White. On January 14, the 10th Brownie Pack visited the Loyal True Blue and Orange Home in Richmond Hill where they presented the home with three wall hangings and a doll's blanket.

The doll's blanket was made from hand-knitted squares knitted by the Golden Hand Brownies. The Golden Hand Brownies made the wall hangings, which symbolize nursery rhymes using Brownies as the main characters. The Pack sang songs for the children and everyone enjoyed themselves. Afterwards, the Brownies enjoyed a treat at MacDonald's.

On January 28, four Brownies flew up to Guides. District Commissioner, Mrs. Betty Ball, was guest

of honor at the ceremony. The 7th Thornhill Guides and their Guiders were also present. The girls who flew up were Jennifer Dunham, Christine Warth, Perri Godsoe and Elaine Aitchison.

Each Brownie received a wall hanging with all their badges and awards displayed on the hanging. The Guides and Brownies joined together in an evening of skits, games, songs and a craft.

All joined in Taps to have a circle of friendship consisting of Guiders, Guides, Brownies and parents.

Thornhill Rangers
On January 23, a Ranger gathering was held at Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Thornhill. Rangers from the 1st and 2nd Thornhill Companies and the Coureur du Bois were present with their leaders as well as a Cadet and Cadet Guider from the 2nd Central Area Cadets.

We began with a pot-luck supper (everything was delicious!) and then spent the rest of the evening

learning "How To Be A Clown". We were fortunate in having Mrs. Annis Reid from the Scarborough Corps of Clowns come and demonstrate how to put on the make-up and give us some hints on how to become good clowns.

Mrs. Reid began by putting make-up on Mrs. Gail Thompson and herself as she explained how to do each step. They both put on full clown costumes. Ten Rangers were chosen (a special mark was put on their placemats before everyone sat down to supper) and with the help of the other Rangers and Cadet, they all put on a clown face.

Pictures were taken by Mrs. Thompson and a photographer from The Liberal, of the many steps to putting on a clown's face.

Everyone seemed to be having a terrific time and the many parents and visitors, including Mrs. Morehouse, our Division Commissioner, found it difficult to identify many of the girls and leaders under all that make-up!

Pioneer crafts and cooking women's group is formed

The pioneer art of quilting is making a come-back, but experts are hard to find.

A group of area women of all ages has been formed for the purpose of involving women of all generations in crafts and cooking projects. They are quilting a bedspread, hooking rugs and starting a pioneer cooking class.

They do, however, need volunteers with skills in these crafts to assist them.

The group includes young mothers, seniors, children, the able and the handicapped. They meet each Monday morning in St. Patrick's Anglican Church on Lillian Street, Willowdale, in the Bayview and Steeles Avenue area under sponsorship of North York Parks and Recreation Department.

In addition to people with craft skills, the group needs volunteers to care for children of young women participants and volunteer drivers to transport people to the church who would otherwise not be able to attend.

They are preparing for a raffle at Easter to raise funds for future projects.

Any person who can spare three hours each Monday morning to help keep this group going is asked to call Betty Lindsay at 222-1378 or

Aurora wants parking lot for commuters

A parking lot for commuters to be provided by the Toronto Area Operating Transit Authority is being sought by Aurora Town Council. Mayor Evelyn Buck has pointed out both Newmarket and Richmond Hill have parking lots for GO users, but not Aurora.

She said people catching GO Transit buses in Aurora are parking all day in what limited spaces are available and not leaving any room for shoppers or others coming into town.

Mayor Buck also believes the transit authority should "make the commuter service of more use to commuters" by adding stops along the way. Council will be asking the authority to stop the through buses on Bayview and Don Valley Parkway at Eglinton Avenue

the Volunteer Centre, 222-2551.



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