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## Jim Sutton

Jim Sutton realized he was too old to start medical school in Canada, so he commutes to Jamaica for his studies. (Liberal photo by Bruce Hogg)

# It's a long, long haul through medical school

By DOREEN LIVINGSTONE

Liberal

"The only reason why I've gone back to medical school at this point is because I really want to do it" says Jim Sutton of German Mills.

When he leaves his wife and two children for school, he doesn't take a bus, subway or car. He takes a jet. The time spent away from home is not a day, or even a week but several months. Jim Sutton attends medical school in Jamaica

Sutton comes from the Island of St. Kitts in the eastern Caribbean, about 900 miles south of Jamaica. He always wanted to become a doctor and came to Canada to attend University in Nova Scotia where he received his Bachelor of Science degree.

Running out of funds, he taught high school for a year in Blind River, Northern Ontario. He then went to Jamaica with \$400, Canadian, to attend school, because it was closer to his home in St.

TUESDAY

Kitts. Unable to support himself Sutton returned to Toronto to teach physics and biology. He picked Toronto because, after spending several summers here, he liked its cosmopolitan nature.

"I found that the work load of teaching, although extremely heavy, did not give me enough time to do anything else. I did not find teaching itself challenging. Teachers are physically drained in the summer" and Sutton did not have time for extra reading

He wanted some other area that would be challenging where he could use his background. "I always wanted to do medicine and really only looked at these other jobs as a means to the end" which was making enough money to go back to school. And so he did in October of 1977.

Realizing he was too old in his mid thirties to attend a Canadian medical school Sutton began "commuting" to Jamaica. "Luckily the system there is different" he says. There are three periods and Sutton persuaded the administration to allow him to write the exams for the second period, earlier. He passed them all." It gave him the opportunity to return to his home in Thornhill for six months.

What does Sutton do with his spare time? He started a company called Interworld Selections several months before commencing his medical education. The company was formed to get Caribbean literature distributed to libraries and schools who indicated that they found it very difficult to get this kind of material.

Sutton explains that in Toronto there are over 150,000 people from the Caribbean but his company deals not only with those people but also with people who like to travel and would like to know something about the Caribbean before they leave. Various government and educational institutions have shown an intense interest in this area, not only from a cultural viewpoint but also to promote greater interracial understanding. The company also provides

former residents of the Caribbean and their children with information about their background. The aims of the company are to promote and display the cultural life of the Caribbean to the Canadian public and to promote and support Caribbean performing artists, authors illustrators, publishers and entertainers.

Caribbean books and other Caribbean publications. He says "I found that there was great interest in this material from schools and libraries so in keeping with the objective I started a publishing company last February". His first book, Trinidad Carnival Nobody In His Right Mind is just coming

Sutton also deals with

He also started a Caribbean book society. He is hoping to get someone to run the

company when he is away at school because "I just can't give it up. What is exciting for me from a business standpoint is the opportunity I am creating for people who do not have access to this material. That makes me feel rather excited"

The Jamaican Dance Company also excites him. It is a group he is bringing to Canada to perform at the Minkler Auditorium at Seneca College. The group will also appear at a workshop for children on Monday April 9 at German Mills Public School where his children attend.

Sutton says it is being done as a contribution to the cultural development of the Caribbean in this area Performances at Seneca are from Wednesday April 11 to Saturday April 14 at 8 p.m. with a matinee on Friday April 13 at 2 p.m. Tickets are matinee children \$3.50, adults \$7.50, evenings children \$6.50 and adults \$8.50 available at all Bass tickets outlets or at the box office 491-8877.

#### HELPMATE INFORMATION COMMUNITY CALENDAR March-April 883-2234 883-2234

# Your community needs you. . .

MONDAY

You can help in Thornhill by being a volunteer in one of the following areas.

SUNDAY

Become a TEACHER'S AID. Operation Catch-up requires volunteers to assist with small groups of students in informal settings. These are students, who have difficulty learning in a traditional classroom setting and require more individualized attention. If you have one morning a week to five and enjoy working with students, call the Richmond Hill Volunteer Bureau at 883-

Be a CANVASSER. The Thornhill branch of the Canadian Cancer Society is urgently in need of people willing to canvass during the month of April. You would be asked to canvass a two-block area of the community. If you have a couple of hours to give, and would like to help call the Richmond Hill Volunteer

Bureau at 883-2235.

DRIVERS are needed. People living in Thornhill, who are willing to drive in an emergency are greatly needed. Senior citizens and handicapped people often have no transportation to and from doctors' appointments in Thornhill and Richmond Hill, and have to rely on others. If you can help these people on an occasional basis, please call the Richmond Hill Volunteer Bureau at 883-2235.

Become a DAY CARE ASSISTANT. If you have one morning a week free, and enjoy working with pre-school children, the Thornhill Day Care Centre could use your help. Assistants are needed for stories, games, crafts and other activities. If you are interested, and would like more information, call the Richmond Hill Volunteer Bureau at 883-2235.

28 Thornhill Comm. Ctre. Library, 'Planning for Retirement', 7:45

WEDNESDAY

Thornhill Village Artists classes, Gallanough Library, 7:30 p.m.

Year of the Child 1979 Exhibition of portrait photography by William Davey, Hillcrest Mall, March 23 to March 31.

Lutheran, 8 p.m.

"Original Alpine Showband". | meeting, 8 p.m. Info: Mrs. 5.30 - 8 p.m.

Info: 884-8574. Canadian Progress Club-York Central meeting. 7 p.m. Info:

Dave Amos 884-3888.

29 "Reflections" - fashion show.

THURSDAY

Year of the Child 1979, Exhibition of portrait photography by William Davey, Hillcrest Mall.

Hillcrest Mall, Centre Court, 7

p.m.

Rotary Travelogue, Bayview Secondary School, 8 p.m. "The Canadian Far West".

St. Mary's Anglican "A Christian Lenten Service, St. Paul's Approach to Effective Living" 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Info: 884-2227

Curtain Up at Hillcrest. Tonite: | Can. Housewives Register Duggan 884-6738.

Dyeing starts at Burr House. Weaving II starts at Burr House. Info: 884-1689. Info: 884-8574 or 884-6193. Quilting also starts.

FRIDAY 30

Thornhill Comm. Ctre. Library, "Reflections" fashion show, Hillcrest Mall, Centre Court, 7 p.m.

of portrait photography by William Davey, Hillcrest Mall. York Symphony Orchestra Concert — Wine & Cheese — 7065

Year of the Child 1979, Exhibition

Islington, Woodbridge, Info: 851-1471 or 851-0283. Monte Carlo Night, Lions Hall, 8

p.m. Tickets: 884-7549. Friday night Youth Program at Don Head for kids 13 to 16, 7-10

Duplicate Bridge, 12125 Yonge.,

Progressive Conservative Social Get Together, Thornhill Community Centre.

SATURDAY

finger painting party, ages 6 to 12, 10:30 a.m. Pre-register. Spaghetti Dinner by 2nd Richmond Hill Parents' Assoc. Our

Info: 884-8825, 884-7576, 884-5414. "Reflections" fashion show,

Lady, Queen of the World, 4 p.m.

Hillcrest Mall, Centre Court, 1 p.m.

Year of the Child 1979, Exhibition of portrait photography by William Davey, at Hillcrest Mall.

Canadian Cancer Assn., flag raising ceremony at R. Hill Town Hall, 10 a.m.

Thornhill Comm. Ctre Library art. Leonard Hutchinson oils on

display.

Richvale Lions Bingo, Richvale Lions Hall, 31 Spruce Avenue, 7:30 p.m.

Richmond Hill Presbyterian Church concert, Mount of Olives (Beethoven), featuring wellknown tenor, Mark DuBois, 7:30

p.m.

Duplicate Bridge, 18125 Yonge, p.m. Info: 884-1689.

Scrabble Games, Richvale Community Ctre., 7:30 to 10:30

Sea Cadets, RCSCC Patriot, St Mary's Anglican, 7 to 9 p.m. Info: 884-3630.

Alateen, Aurora United, 8 p.m. Info: 773-4539.

Story time for pre-schoolers, 3 to

5 yrs. at 2 p.m., Thornhill Comm. Ctre. Library. Ladies night out. Yoga and a

variety of crafts. Viking Club, Oak Ridges, 7 p.m. Scone tea, Burr House, Carrville

Road. 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Info: 884-Richmond Hill Horticultural

Society meeting, Presbyterian Church, 8 p.m.

Soccer referees clinic, every Tuesday of April, Thornlea Secondary School, 7 to 10 p.m. Info: 889-1219.

Lenten Chapel service, 7:30 to 8 p.m. Richmond Hill United.

Parents and pre-schoolers at St. Mary Immaculate Separate School, 11 a.m. to noon.

Curtain Up at Hillcrest. Tonite: Banjo and Brass Reunion, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Lenten service St. Paul's Lutheran, 8 p.m.

St. Mary's Anglican, "A Christian Approach to Effective Living" 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Info: 884-2227.

R. Hill Lions meeting, 6.30 p.m. Lions Hall.

Euchre night, Women's group -Can. Progress Club, York Central | Place Hotel. Tickets: 884-6738.

Branch, Blue Flame Room, Consumers Gas Building, 7:30 p.m.

Pre-school French begins at R. Hill Library at 10 a.m. for 10 weeks.

Duplicate Bridge, 12125 Yonge. p.m. Info: 884-1689.

Firday night Youth program for kids 12 to 16 years. 7 to 10 p.m. Don Head.

Canadian Housewives Register-Annual Dinner, 7:30 p.m. Sutton

Rummage Sale ..... Our Lady Queen of the World, 1 to 4 p.m. Info: 884-6291.

Oak Ridges Minor Hockey Dinner Dance, 8 p.m. Bond Lake Arena, Info: 773-5754.

Thornhill Lionettes fashion show and dinner dance, Heintzman House, Tickets: 889-3561 or 889-0170.

R. Hill Kinettes Elimination Dance. Richvale Comm. Ctre. 8 p.m. Tickets: 884-2127.

Thornhill Kinsmen - 28-hour Disco Dance-A-Thon, 8 p.m. at Coleman Restaurant, Markham Place.

Easter Crafts for children, Rich-

mond Hill Public Library 2 to 3:30

p.m. kids aged 5 and up. Pre-

register.

United Church, 9 to 10.15 a.m. for Navy League, St. Mary's

beginners and 10.15 to 11.30 a.m. - Anglican Church, Wrixon Hall,

223-8868.

Richvale Lions Bingo, Richvale Lions Hall, 31 Spruce Avenue, 7:30 p.m.

St. Luke's Roman Catholic Church, Thornhill, Ecumenical Lenten Service, 7:15 p.m. "Coping With Death" St. Mat-

thew's United, 7:30 p.m. Info:

884-3606.

Lions Bingo, 7:40 p.m. Centre Street, Richmond Hill. Road, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Info: 884-

Duplicate Bridge, 12125 Yonge, 8 p.m. Info: 884-1689.

Scrabble Games, Richvale Comm. Ctre. 7:30 to 10:30 p.m Sea Cadets, RCSCC Patriot, St

Mary's Anglican, 7 to 9 p.m. Info:

884-3630.

10 Scone tea, Burr House, Carrville

0327. Concord Golden Era Club. Euchre, Concord Community Hall, 8 p.m. Info: 669-1851.

Richmond Hill United - Farve

Requiem Mass in G. Minor, guest

soloist. Tickets: 884-1301. Soccer referees basic qualifying clinic. Thornlea Secondary

School, 7 to 10 p.m. Info: 889-1219.

R. Hill Group of Artists Critique Night at Crosby School, 7:30 p.m.

Parents and pre-schoolers program, St. Mary Immaculate School, 11 a.m. to noon.

Easter Awakening Program,

Thornhill United. 9:30 to 11:30

a.m. Info: 889-7040. Ward 3 Ratepayers meeting, 16th Avenue School at 8 p.m. Info: 88912

Civic Improvement Meeting at Town Office, Committee Room B. at 8 p.m.

13 Duplicate Bridge, 12125 Yonge, 8

Friday night youth program at Don Head for kids 13 to 16, 7 to 10

p.m. Info: 884-1689.

Richmond Hill United, Good Friday Service in the chapel with Communion, 7:30 p.m.

Monday

York Philharmonic Choir practice, R. Hill Baptist. 7.30

Tuesday

Legal Aid Clinic, 7 to 10 p.m. 884-

Mother's Break, Richmond Hill United Church, 9.30 - 11.15 a.m. 884-4294.

Church, 7.15 to 8.30 p.m. for Community Centre, 7.30 p.m. beginners; 8.30 p.m. to 9.45 p.m. for intermediates.

Richvale Lions Drum Corps and Color Guard, Lions Hall, 31 Spruce Avenue, 6.30 p.m. to 8.30 Church for girls, 12 to 17 years of Information: 884-1689.

age. 7 to 8.30 p.m. 884-5971. Wednesday

Yoga, Richmond Hill United Thornhill Lions Bingo, Thornhill

Parent Concern, 8 to 10 p.m. Call

Joyce, 884-3503.

Counterweight, Richmond Hill Public Library, 7.30 p.m.

CGIT, Richmond Hill United Anglican Church, 12125 Yonge.

A Morning Out, Richmond Hill United Church, 9.30 - 11:15 a.m.

Seniors Euchre games, club rooms, 10149 Yonge Street, Richmond Hill. 1.30 p.m.

Yoga Classes at Thornhili Holy Richmond Hill Lions Majorette Trinity Anglican Church, 8.45 to and drum corps practice. Lions Hall, 7-9 p.m.

Dupicate Bridge, St. John's Free topical fluoride clinic for Yoga Class, Richmond Hill

884-1133; 887-5245; 832-1384; 297-Richmond Hill Legion Bingo, 2173.

Legion Hall, Ohio Road, Richmond Hill. 7.35 p.m.

children 3 to 16 years. 8.30 a.m. to

4.30 p.m. Call the Health Unit for

information and appointments:

Thursday

for intermediates, 884-2671.

Thornhill Recycling Depot,

Weight Watchers, Concord

Community Centre, 7.30 p.m. 669-

Bayview and Green Lane, 7 to 8.30 p.m.

Maple Leaf Accordion Band,

McKillop School, 7 to 9 p.m. 884-

8390.

Richmond Hill Recycling Depot, Elgin Mills Road at Leslie, 10 a.m. to noon.

Thornhill Recycling Depot, Bayview and Green Lane, 10 a.m. to noon.

6.45 p.m. Boys 10 to 13 welcome.

Saturday