



\$50,000 cheque

Would you hand Tony Roman a cheque for \$50,000? Don Cockburn of the Thornhill District Lions Club did and he feels good about handing over the club's last

cheque to the Town of Markham to meet its commitment for the community centre. The cheque brings the total Lions donations to \$325,000.

By DOREEN LIVINGSTONE 889-7130

Although school is now but a fond memory, graduation evening still lingers in the minds of many Thornhill students.

The last week of school brought graduation ceremonies to several Thornhill schools including one at German Mills Public School. There the recent Grade 8 graduation had a surprising twist when Jana Wagman won the Industrial Arts Award and Les Silverstein the Family Studies Award (Home Economics).

Pauline Chiu, School Valetorian captured the General Proficiency Award presented by the York County Board of Education as well as awards in mathematics and music. Outstanding Girl was Kirsten Halpin and Jeff Painting was the Outstanding Boy.

Other award winners were Leanne Langlois, Girls Physical Education, Scott McPherson Boy's Physical Education, Anne Cameron, French, Fan-Pin-Lee for Science and Geography, Martin Barratt for History, Cathy Massig, McLaren Award for English, Kim Fitzakerly, Art and Beverly Scheutiens winner of the C. Anne McInnis Award.

ROYAL ORCHARD The Lions Club Award was given to Valetorian Andrea Tuck at the Grade 8 graduation held recently at Royal Orchard Public School.

Andrea also won English and Science Awards. The Citizen of the Year Award given by the Parents of Royal Orchard went to Joanna Kubasta and Randy Meek.

Joanna also won the Academic Award and the Math Award while Randy won the Geography Award.

Other winners were Elaine Kubasta - Girl Athlete of the Year, Will Pryzdial, Boy Athlete and Music Award winner, Sportsmanship Award for Girls won by Sloan McReynolds and the Sportsmanship Award for Boys was won by John Quail.

Lynn Freeman was presented with the Art Award, Maira Bertholds the French Award and Kelly Hall the History Award.

In the Grade 7 and 8 Reach for the Top Contest at Royal Orchard the winners were Grade 7 - 2 with Captain Andy Pamerter and team members Leslie Brown, Michael Morse and Alex Soler and Grade 8 - 2 captained by Joanna Kubasta with Sloan McReynolds, Graham Garrard and Steven Uruski.

ST. MICHAEL'S St. Michael's Public School students received fellowship and academic awards at their primary and junior intermediate

assemblies held recently.

Fellowship awards went to Sean Morgan, Christine Ammaturo, Lisa Collusi, Chris Buvers, Brian Todd, Andrea Leganchuk, Scott Dimmell, Jenny Cunha, Amy Basbas, Richard Mainella, Sue Ann Moreau, Roule Vanloo, Stephen Coulter, Anna Cunha, Dayana Andrejas, Alex Balasbas, Mark

Williams, Gina Alfano and Pat Diliddo.

Academic winners were George Develiadis, David Olivaris, Darren Skillen, Natalie Tarrant, Francisca Sinn, Victor Deenestrosa, Susan Heinz, Louise Brisbois, Franca Genco, Kevin Leun, and Margaret Toner. Vice-Principal Collins is leaving St.

Michael's to become principal of St. Joseph's School in Richmond Hill. The school will be receiving three new portables this September.

GOODBY DAN

Last Tuesday, Dan McCaw said goodbye to the parents of students at Bayview Fairways Public School at an informal

tea sponsored by the Parents Liaison Guild. Mr. McCaw has been at Bayview Fairways since its opening seven years ago. Sylvia Ehrlich, president of the guild was pleased that Mr. McCaw had stayed as principal for so long because "we weren't anxious to see him go". She added "he knows every student by name in the school".

Good watchdog best crimefighter — chief

How do you best protect your house against burglars?

"Get a good watch-dog," Police Chief Bruce Crawford told members of the Romfield Community Association last week.

The chief felt that a good dog was a better investment than costly surveillance equipment.

He did advise leaving lights, radios and even a television set on a timer which would turn them on and off automatically whether there was anyone home or not.

He was the guest speaker at the regular meeting of the association and noted that York Region has a low crime rate per capita despite being "underpoliced."

At the same meeting, various chairmen of the Romfield Festival reported profits which will go

to purchase creative playground equipment.

A committee will look into improving tennis facilities in North Thornhill. The only courts now are at Thornlea Secondary School.

A new cub pack is proposed for the fall with Ted Foster as leader and based at Stornoway Public School. The Romfield Community Association will be sponsors.

The next Romfield Community Association meeting will be on September 10 when Councillor Ron Moran will be the guest speaker.

It will also be election of officers night.

Anyone who would like to be actively involved in the community either as an officer or as a member of a committee is invited to call Andrew Meles at 889-9623 or Ralph Lean at 881-3605.

Polo matches moved to Gormley

Polo matches which were scheduled for the Markham Fairgrounds this week have been moved to the Michael Sifton farm north of Gormley.

Mr. Sifton is having 20,000 fliers printed to notify the public of the change.

Toronto Polo Club, said the grass seed had not taken at the fairgrounds site and the field would not be ready in time.

A match scheduled for Thursday night has been cancelled. The first match will now take place Friday at 7 p.m. Saturday's match has been changed to the afternoon at 2 p.m. Sunday's match will be at 2 p.m. and Monday's at 7 p.m.

The evening matches will be moved up because the field is not lighted.

It is an excellent field, Mr. Rae said.

It is located on Leslie Street two miles north of the Gormley Sideroad. Tickets for the matches are \$2 each but for children, admission is free.

Roses out for seniors

By GEORGIE BURKHOLDER 881-7269

With a garden of gorgeous roses in full bloom, Mrs. Lex Jamieson played hostess to the Thornhill Senior Citizens on Thursday.

Twelve members and four visitors attended with one new member, Lillian Ducker, welcomed to the group.

A pot luck luncheon was enjoyed followed by games conducted by Ruby Glassey, Sylvia Hamblin and Evie Pitchforth.

Stella Wilkins and Evie Pitchforth demonstrated crafts to be made by members suitable for the Thornhill Festival booth for the Seniors. Sylvia Hamblin presented each guest with a souvenir.

Plans were made for the September 20 meeting at the Gallanough Library.

END OF SEASON

Xi Delta Chi Sorority members held a barbecue and pool party to celebrate the end of the season's activities when they met at Joanne Johnston's home.

A pot-luck dinner also took place at an earlier date at Lynn Morgan's home when the chapter held their final meeting for the year.

President Judy Hammill informed The Liberal that at the last meeting plans were made for the next year. These will include the Annual Fashion Show as the one big fund raising affair of the year.

DANCE GOES ON

The end of the school year does not necessarily signify the cessation of her favorite activity for Scottish Country Dance teacher Jeanette Todd. On July 2 at Thornlea Secondary School 24 children from Thornhill area schools took part in Thornhill's Canada Day celebrations.

The Sunday programs carried on at Hamilton's Dundurn Castle will feature 24 children and eight adults in an exhibition of Scottish Country Dancing on Sunday July 29.

The dance group will perform again on September 15 when the Thornhill Village Festival takes place.



Unless you worked at least 20 weeks in the past year, these changes could apply to you.

In December 1978, Parliament changed the Unemployment Insurance program. Changes starting July 1 mean that some people will have to work longer before they can qualify for Unemployment Insurance benefits.

Please remember, these UI changes affect only those claims which start on or after July 1, 1979. And, the changes may or may not apply to you. So please read on to see if you are affected.

(You'll find terms such as "Weeks of Work", "Qualifying Period", "Variable Entrance Requirement" (VER), and "Unemployment Rate" marked by an asterisk (*). For easier understanding, see the box "Explaining UI terms" at the end of this message.)

Here are the details of those changes.

Have you worked 20 weeks or more in your Qualifying Period*?

If so, this message does not apply to you. For you, the number of weeks you need to qualify for regular UI benefits and for UI illness and maternity benefits, or the one-time benefit at age 65 has not changed.

Are you working for the first time?

To get UI benefits, you will usually need 20 Weeks' Work*, no matter where you live. An exception to this would be if you were on a training course approved by the Canada

Employment and Immigration Commission for at least 14 weeks in the year before your Qualifying Period*. Then you would only need 10 to 14 weeks, depending on the Variable Entrance Requirement* where you live.

Are you starting to work again?

If you're coming back to work after being away a year or more, you'll usually need 20 Weeks of Work* in your Qualifying Period* before you can qualify for UI benefits.

This applies wherever you live. This 20-week rule won't apply, however, if you were in any of the following situations for a total of at least 14 weeks in the year before your Qualifying Period*.

These are the situations that count:

1. You were getting temporary worker's disability compensation from a provincial program;
2. You were receiving sick or maternity leave payments;
3. You were out of work because of a labour dispute at your place of work;
4. You were on a Commission-approved training course;
5. You were on UI claim;
6. You were working in insurable employment.

So, for first-time workers and those coming back to work:

- A. If you were in any of these six situations for a total of at least 14 weeks in the year before your Qualifying Period*, then you need only 10 to 14 Weeks' Work* in the Qualifying Period*, depending on the VER* where you live.

- B. If none of the six situations fit your case, you will have to have worked at least 20 weeks to qualify for UI benefits.

NOTE: If you are returning to work after being away more than one year, the 20-week rule will normally apply to you.

Did you get UI benefits in the last year?

If you got UI benefits in your Qualifying Period*, there are new rules that may apply to you - unless the Unemployment Rate* in your area is over 11.5 per cent.

1. If a claim you had in the last year has not run out, you may be able to renew it.

2. If yours is classed as a new claim, you will need the usual 10 to 14 Weeks' Work* depending on your local VER*, plus up to six "extra" Weeks of Work*. The number of "extra" weeks you'll need depends on how many weeks you got on your previous UI claim. You need one "extra" week (up to a maximum of six) for every week you got over the VER* needed in your area.

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Here's an example: You need 12 Weeks' Work* in your region (your local VER*) to qualify for benefits the first time. On your last claim, you drew 15 weeks' benefits before going back to work. Now, you would need the usual 12 weeks, plus three "extra" work weeks. (That's the difference between the 12 weeks you needed to work and the 15 weeks of benefits you drew. In total you would need 15 Weeks' Work* to qualify again within one year. The most anyone needs anywhere is 20 weeks of work to qualify.

Again, please remember, when the Unemployment Rate* in your area is over 11.5 per cent, this rule won't apply to you. You'll need only 10 Weeks' Work* to qualify for regular UI benefits.

Other changes have been in effect since January 1979:

- The weekly benefit rate was reduced to 60 per cent of your average insurable earnings (from 66²/₃ per cent).
- Most people employed for less than 20 hours a week are no longer covered by UI.
- Higher-income claimants may have to repay part of UI benefits drawn in the 1979 tax year. This will only affect people whose income, including UI benefits, is over \$20,670. This will be explained when you get your 1979 tax return.

These things haven't changed:

- Just as a review, these points haven't changed:
- You may still get UI illness and maternity benefits and the special benefit paid at age 65 if you've worked 20 weeks in your Qualifying Period*.
- There's still a two-week waiting period before UI benefits start.
- To get regular benefits, you must still be available for and looking for work each day you are on claim.
- You must report any work and earnings while on claim.

Explaining UI terms:

***Weeks of Work**
This means weeks of work that are insurable for Unemployment Insurance. Most employment of 20 hours or more a week is insurable.

***Qualifying Period**
What UI calls your Qualifying Period is the 52 weeks before we start your claim. Or if you had a claim in the last year, it's the time since that claim started.

***Variable Entrance Requirement (VER)**
To qualify for Unemployment Insurance benefits, you must have worked from 10 to 14 weeks in insurable employment during your Qualifying Period*. The exact number of weeks depends on the Unemployment Rate* in the economic region where you live. (See below.) If you don't have enough weeks to qualify when you file your claim, we keep your application in the computer file. If the Unemployment Rate* changes so you then have the weeks you need, we will send you a notice.

***Unemployment Rate**
For Unemployment Insurance, the Unemployment Rate used for each of the 48 economic regions of Canada is not the current monthly Statistics Canada unemployment rate in each region. It is a three-month average of seasonally-adjusted monthly unemployment rates.

Canada's Unemployment Insurance Program

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