

Government to double rehabilitation professionals

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fessionals across the province and particularly in Northern Ontario.

In order to address this problem, I recently announced the government's goal to more than double the number of rehabilitation professionals serving Northern Ontario.

To achieve this goal, the government is providing additional funding to reach \$1 million annually by 1990 for incentive grants and bursaries to attract professionals to the North.

This includes an increase in the number of bursaries to be awarded for speech pathology and audiology from six in 1986-87 to 17 in 1987-88, and an increase in the level of bursary assistance from \$5,000 to \$7,500 annually.

The provision of bursaries to Ontario residents attending schools in the United States is still under review.

A new program of incentive grants has been introduced for speech pathologists and audiologists willing to relocate to Northern Ontario.

These grants will support 36 speech pathologists, who will receive \$15,000 over three years in return for service in the North.

The Underserved Area Program of the Ministry of Health is actively recruiting rehabilitation professionals for the new bursary and incentive grant program.

I am assured that these initiatives will go far in addressing the needs of the North.

Again, thank you for writing.

Premier David Peterson.

Birchwood hosting St. Patrick's Tea

By Helene Ballard

Bits and Bites

I hope you are all enjoying our Spring weather along with meeting snow and lakes of water. I hope this will be the last of the snow for this year.

Our loyal card players were in Tuesday in spite of the nasty weather. Our residents always enjoy those afternoons; our thanks to these faithful friends for their devotion.

Last Sunday one of our former staff members Pat Culverhouse brought a yummy chocolate cake to Birchwood and we all enjoyed a slice of it. It sure was good, Pat, and we all want to thank you very much for your kindness.

Our Ladies' Auxiliary to Birchwood held their monthly meeting here at the home. These ladies are always making plans to help us in some way, and bring some happiness to our lives and we thank them.

At this time I would like to remind you of our St. Patrick's Tea on March 17. Do pay us a visit and enjoy a nice chat with friends over a cup of tea. Not much more news, so I'll close for this week with this "wee joke":

Sign on the washroom of a municipal office: Don't throw cigarette butts in the toilet. It makes them soggy and hard to light.

Schreiber recreation news

Aerobics

The present session of afternoon aerobics began Monday, February 22nd and will run to April 6th. Classes will be held Monday and Wednesdays from 1:30-2:30 p.m. in the high school gym and on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 8:30-9:30 p.m..

Teen Aerobics

The rec department is now offering a teen aerobics program on Monday and Wednesday evenings at the high school gym. Monday classes will be held from 6:30-7:30 p.m. and Wednesdays classes will be held from 7-8

p.m.

Badminton

The Schreiber Badminton Club meets at the high school gym every Monday from 7:30-9:30 p.m. If you are interested in joining the club contact Pavlo or Roseann Pellegrino at 824-2823.

First Aid Course

The department has been approached to organize a First Aid Course. We are taking names and anyone interested should contact the office at 2317.

TUESDAY, MAY 24TH, MARK IT DOWN ON YOUR CALENDAR AND

PLAN TO KEEP THAT EVENING FREE. MORE INFO WILL BE FORTHCOMING IN FUTURE ISSUES OF THE RECREATION NEWS.

world. This group will be appearing in Schreiber on Wednesday, May 4, at the community arena. Plan to take the entire family to this exciting event.

Future programs

If you are interested in a specific program, have ideas for others or have a skill or craft you would like to share with others, please call the office at 2317. We will do our best to see these programs are offered.

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