

Torontair and Nordair join forces

A Buttonville firm has taken its first step into the big leagues of the Canadian airline market.

Torontair, which operates out of Buttonville Airport, has joined Nordair to form a new company that will operate turbo prop scheduled flights feeding into Pearson International Airport in Toronto.

According to a press release, the two firms will retain minority interest in the new firm which has yet to be named. Other partners are expected for the joint venture, according to B.G. Smith, marketing manager for Torontair.

The firm will operate Beech 99 and Fairchild FH-27 aircraft currently owned by Torontair and Nordair.

A comprehensive network of local routes will feed into Lester B. Pearson International Airport, Mr. Smith said. These will link up with long-haul domestic and international flights, he said.

In the partnership, Torontair will supply operational support and Nordair will provide marketing and sales expertise, Mr. Smith said.

He noted that the firm was established to take advantage of expected deregulation in the Canadian aircraft industry.

According to Michael Sifton, president of Torontair, the new climate of deregulation will be a boon to efficient turboprop service.

Nordair President Jean E. Douville noted that "co-operation between scheduled turboprop and jet service will prove to be a powerful competitive tool in a deregulated air industry environment."

Both men stressed that the new firm could provide smaller communities with more frequent service and greater capacity as the existing Torontair network is expanded later this year.

Torontair currently provides commuter service from Toronto to Trenton, Kingston, Brockville, Ottawa, Elliot Lake and Syracuse, New York.

Nordair flies to Northeastern Quebec, the Arctic, various centres in Ontario, Winnipeg as well as Pittsburgh and Fort Lauderdale in the United States.

York Liberals host reception

Local business people will be given the opportunity to meet with senior members of the new provincial government, Monday, Aug. 12.

Ron Maheu, provincial Liberal candidate for York Centre in the last election, is hosting a reception at the Parkway Hotel which will include MPPs Elinor Caplan, Alvin Curling, Murray Elston, Bernard Grandmaitre, Monte Kwinter, Ian Scott and Greg Sorbara.

The purpose of the get-together is to allow the policy makers to talk to people who will be affected by those policies and to raise money for the York Centre Liberal campaign.

The reception is scheduled from 6 to 8 p.m. and tickets are \$125. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will be served.

Runs to victory in Perrier race

Unionville waitress claims title

By DONNA COX
Staff Reporter
She's 18, from Unionville, and the fastest little waitress in Southern Ontario.

Donna Bradley, a part-time waitress at the Unionville House Restaurant, won the third annual Perrier Waiters' Race for the Toronto area last Sunday, bettering her fourth-place finish of last year. She admitted winning the event was a big surprise.

"They called out the second place winner's name and it was someone I had beat," said Ms. Bradley who was upset because she thought she had been disqualified.

Ms. Bradley explained that the person who had placed first was disqualified for touching her bottle on the tray and spilling too much water. Rules state that contestants were not allowed to spill water past the top of the label on the 750 ml Perrier bottle. That amounts to approximately one inch of water.

Ms. Bradley, who lost very little water during the five-k.m. run, was then awarded first place. She now advances to the Canadian championships in Montreal the weekend of August 16. Her entire weekend will be paid for by Perrier.

Unionville House owner Terry Cowan said he might close his restaurant for the weekend and take the staff to Montreal to cheer Ms. Bradley on.

Ms. Bradley's chances of winning the Canadian cham-

pionship appear to be good, at least if previous winners are any indication. For the past two years, the women who topped the Toronto area competition, have won the Canadian championship. A victory in Montreal would qualify her for the the North American championship in Beverly Hills later this year.

"I'd like to do well," said Ms. Bradley, "but the people in Montreal are good. I won't come last though," she promised.

Ms. Bradley, who runs every day, thought she won because of her training and by pacing herself better this year.

Ms. Bradley said that she didn't enter the competition the first year it was held because she had a softball game. But the next year she entered thinking it would be fun.

First place prizes included the sponsorship to Montreal, a silver cup, a Perrier patio umbrella, a Perrier T-shirt, a Perrier sun visor and several bottles of Perrier.

This September, Ms. Bradley will be in Grade 13 at Markham District High School. When she graduates she hopes to go to university and take Physical Education.

Ms. Bradley is interested in many sports including basketball, volleyball, windsurfing and running. She also plays softball for a Markham representative team.

The competition took place at the Four Seasons Sheridan in downtown Toronto.



DONNA BRADLEY
Toronto champ

Mills named new head of Region's United Way

Dennis Mills is the new chairman of the 1985 York Region United Way fund-raising campaign.

Mr. Mills, a one-time aide to former Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, is vice president of corporate affairs at Magna International Inc., a diversified manufacturer of auto parts and one of the Region's largest employer.

Mr. Mills said he accepted the challenge because he views United Way agencies as an essential part of the social fabric of the Region. In addition, Magna's corporate

philosophy advocates a strong social commitment to the communities in which their employees live.

He sees his first task as building a campaign team of community leaders and is well under way, having already recruited key corporate and community volunteers who will head up local campaigns in all towns and areas.

Mr. Mills says that their job will be to broaden the base of support for the United Way.

"I was surprised and a little dismayed to learn from United Way data that the entire responsibility of financially supporting the United Way is being borne by only 270 companies and a few private individuals," he said.

"There are over 8,000 businesses and companies in York Region and I have just sent a personal letter to each one, urging them and their employees to become involved in this year's campaign."

"I view United Way as a part of the whole community, shared and supported by all," he continued. "And our campaign team will work to get everyone in York Region involved — to broaden that base of support."

Mr. Mills says a campaign goal will not be decided upon until late this summer, after the United Way's agency review process.

"I know the dedication of agencies, volunteers and staff, and the help they offer to everyone in the community. I know their requests for support are legitimate. If the community understands that, no matter what the goal, I'm sure the people of York Region will meet it."

Rotary club wants you

Calling all recently settled rotarians and senior-active members!

The Unionville South Markham Rotary Club is looking for Rotarians who've just moved to this area and senior members for club membership.

For more information contact club President Rick Crispi at 475-0003 or Michael Cubitt at 492-7633.

Town files suit against Travelways

The Town of Markham has filed a lawsuit against Travelways over two-year-old fare discrepancies.

The Town is charging that there was a shortfall in funds from fares turned over to the Town by the firm, which operated Markham Transit for 11 years.

Town officials refuse to comment on the issue until it goes to court. A court date has not yet been set.

Earlier this year, Markham Council decided to end its contract with Travelways and hired Miller Paving to take over Markham Transit. At that time, poor service was cited for the decision to switch transit operators.



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