

Auberge Shelter benefits from special dinner

Claremont's women's organizations are sponsoring a fund-raising dinner in support of the Auberge Shelter for abused women and children.

It's scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 17, in the Masonic Hall. Time is 6:15 p.m.

Tickets, at \$5 for adults and \$3 for students, are available from members of the Lioness Club of Claremont; UCW; Baptist Women's Missionary Society; Royal Canadian Legion branch 483; and Legion Ladies Auxiliary. Preschoolers are admitted free and child care will be provided.

The guest speaker is Joyce Killen, director of the Oshawa shelter. She'll provide information on the 10-bed facility, which is now at full capacity after its first year of operation.

A new toll-free crisis line (1-800-263-3725) is available on a 24-hour basis.

Proceeds from the Claremont dinner will be contributed to the expansion of the Auberge Shelter.



Flag waving in the breeze

Marianne MacBride, president of the Markham Block Parent Association, shows the students from Franklin Street Public School in Markham, the Block Parent Flag which was raised last week at the

Markham Community Library, Hwys 7 and 48. Block Puppy (at left) was also on hand for the flag raising.

Swim club gets new stereo

It's all music under the water

The Markham Synchronized Swimming Club will be swimming to the music by December.

After three years of continuous fund raising, the club will purchase a sound system which can be heard above and below water.

Instructor Diane van der Pol said the members found themselves in a Catch-22 situation. They would raise just enough to cover the cost of the system, but would find out the price had gone up upon approaching the manufacturer.

Finally, she asked for a \$1,000 grant from the Town to meet the purchase price. The total cost of the system will be about \$5,200.

The reason for the delay is because the systems are made to order and the underwater speakers come from Ohio.

Ms. van der Pol said the club is one of the largest in the north Toronto area. There are 60 members now compared with 10 three years ago. The club is still accepting swimmers.

With the new system the swimmers can look forward to participating in routine competitions where more time is spent underwater. They are now limited to figures competitions.

The sound system meets all safety standards and is used by several other clubs.

Ms. van der Pol said she expects to see a definite improvement in the calibre of swimmers

now that they can keep time with the music above and below the water's surface.

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