



## Markham PCs plan to elect riding executive

The founding meeting of the new Markham Progressive Conservative Federal Riding Association is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Thurs., Feb. 11, at Markham District High School.

At that meeting, riding association members will elect an execu-

tive for the new riding.

Coming up Jan. 28 at 7:30 p.m. is a Markham PC membership reception at the Chimo Hotel. The purposes of this reception are to provide information on the Founding Meeting; to present

matters of interest to Markham Progressive Conservatives; and to provide an opportunity for Markham PCs to meet and communicate with one another.

While membership is not required for those attending this reception, membership applications will be available at the door. Dress is informal and light refreshments will be provided.

All membership applications received to date have been submitted to the York North Riding Association membership secretary, according to a press release.

Due to the large number of responses, membership cards will probably not be available until the end of January. Members are urged to call 294-1017 if cards have not arrived by that time.

The new Federal Riding of Markham will include the Town of Markham and the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville. Currently, Markham is part of York North riding and Whitchurch-Stouffville is in York Peel riding.

## Funds sent to U.S.

Many people in Ontario will be watching the United Cerebral Palsy Telethon this weekend.

But few realize that all money pledged will be used to support services in the United States, says Shirley McRae, a board of directors member for Participation House in Markham.

"Most people who phone to make a pledge in Ontario expect that money will be used in their hometown," McRae told the Economist and Sun. "But when I phoned to make a pledge during last year's telethon I learned that all the money is sent out of Canada."

Those wishing to donate money to help cerebral palsy victims in Markham should contact Participation House at 294-0944.

The facility has 32 apartments for disabled adults, and all work is done by volunteers. Participation House is a project of the Cerebral Palsy Parent Council of Toronto.

"I don't want to downgrade the telethon, because they help a lot of people," McRae said. "But ever since the Canadian networks stopped running the telethon (with that money staying in Canada), a lot of money has been missed in Ontario."

### From down under

A precision skating team from Brisbane Australia will be competing with 42 teams from across Ontario for gold, silver and bronze medals Saturday at Markham Centennial Arena (8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.). The event is hosted by Unionville Skating Club and Central Ontario Section. Spectators are welcome. Admission is \$3 adults, \$2 seniors and \$1 children. Off the ice, the Unionville team is billeting the Australian team and entertaining the skaters. Then the team is off to Fraser Michigan and finishing up a tour in Western Canada. From the left back row are: Michaela Simmonds, Danielle Cramp, Kirsten Wav, Samantha Golch, Tracey Roberts, Sharon Box. Centre: Kathy Hammond (coach), Allison Cannon, Carolyn Neivandt, Leigh Toombs, Kim Edwards, Andrea Woodhouse, Helen Wood, Lynn, Lynette, Arcadette, Mary Braver, Maella, Bridy, Whitney, Heather, Denise, Whitehouse, Melissa Zeller. Absent from photo are Donna Larsen and Charles Dornier.

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