



And the winner is...

Stouffville hockey hero Keith Acton (centre) reaches into the barrel for a winner. It was the first draw, held Wednesday, in the Whitechurch-Stouffville Minor Hockey Association's Trip of the Month Sweepstakes. Members of the WSMHA

executive (left to right) Ed Grimshaw, Joanne Steel and Bob Farley give Keith a hand. The lucky entrant was Norm Ewing of Goodwood, who gets a week-long cruise to the Bahamas. Runner-up Marg Liddle of Toronto received a \$100 travel certificate. — Chris Garbutt

Klein Deters retires as SDSS custodian

By KATE GILDERDALE
On July 29, school custodian Klein Deters will leave Stouffville District Secondary School for the last time.
Born in Holland in 1923, Mr. Deters came to Canada with his wife and two children in 1957.
"I came here because Canada offered a better future for me and my family," he says.
With his wife's parents and two sisters living in the area, he and his family rented a place in Stouffville while they looked for a permanent home.

Mr. and Mrs. Deters have two daughters living in Brighton; one in Milliken and a son in Bramalca. The couple moved up to Stouffville from Willowdale when Mr. Deters was working at Markham District High School, and they're

very happy here.
"If you're interested in what you're doing, life is never boring," he concludes. "I'm happy and healthy and I have a good marriage. You can't ask more than that."

The Deters later had two more children.
They settled in Willowdale, where they lived for 21 years, with Mr. Deter operating his own painting business.
"In the winter there wasn't much work," he recalls. "If you have a family, it's not easy." He had a friend at the York Region Board of Education, who suggested he consider working as a school custodian.
He started full time in May of 1971 at Royal Orchard Public School, Thornhill. From there he went to Langstaff Secondary School, Bayview Secondary School and Markham District High School, coming to Stouffville High four years ago. He qualified as a caretaker engineer first class in 1979.
After 17 years with the board, he admits he'll miss working in a school environment. "I've been very happy here," he acknowledges, "the students and staff are very co-operative." At the same time, he's looking forward to his retirement. "You have to give up to let the younger generation have a chance," he explains, "they need experience and they have to be trained."
Mr. Deters has always had a good relationship with the students where he's worked. "They ask for advice all the time," he comments. "They want to know about World War II and they ask me because I was in it between 1940 and 1945. One student was doing an essay on it. A lot of them are very interested in what it was like."
One thing he loves to do is travel. He's keen to go out west and will probably travel back to Europe.
"I went to Holland in 1968, 1980 and 1986. The first time I went back I hadn't been there for 12 years," he recalls. "You don't see what you expect, it's all new buildings, new roads and new people. I had changed too," he contends.
On one trip back, some of Mr. Deters' family in Holland organized a bus tour of Europe, with seven of his relatives joining them on the trip. "We went to West Germany, Austria, Italy and Belgium," he says. "That was really something, it was an unforgettable experience."
Mr. Deters has many plans for his retirement. He'd like to take up oil painting, a hobby he used to enjoy. He's also thinking of raising canaries and finches, something he's done in the past.
"My daughter owned a pet shop in Stouffville and she was selling them for me." Although she has now sold the shop and moved, he has kept all his equipment and would like to take up breeding the birds again.
He hates to sit still for long. "I get restless, I have to keep busy painting or working in the garden," he insists. He enjoys watching sports and sometimes plays pool with his brother-in-law. His wife Ann is also a busy person.
"She's in the Newcomers' Club," he says. She also enjoys art, knitting and crocheting and is a member of the bowling club.

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