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For Bowes education 'volunteer'

By KATE GILDERDALE

STOUFFVILLE — A decision by York Region public school trustees to reject a cut-back in honorariums from \$18,000 to \$15,000 has disappointed chairman Harry Bowes of Whitchurch-Stouffville.

Mr. Bowes' motion, Jan. 23, in favor of the roll-back, was seconded by Ken Taylor of East Gwillimbury and supported by Ron Wallace of Aurora. The vote was 17-3 opposed.

Initially, Mr. Bowes felt the decision could have gone either way. "When the first vote was taken on the \$15,000 figure last fall, it was 8-7 against," he said. "For several trustees, it was part of their election platforms," he continued, "although not necessarily by those elected."

The result, Bowes said, would have been much closer if those who'd originally voted in favor, (of the roll-back), hadn't changed their minds.

He said all board members were well aware he didn't support the increase.

"They'd been aware of this for the last five months," he stated. The intention of Ministry regulations, explained Bowes, is to ensure trustees don't set their own honorariums.

"They set it for the new board but not for themselves. The Education Act then says the new board can decrease it, but they can't increase it. This leaves it up to new members to make up their minds."

A suggestion that the Whitchurch-Stouffville member was looking for 'Brownie points' has been flatly denied.

"They all know I'm retiring," said Bowes. "they also know I donated \$1,200 to the High School, (an annual scholarship). Unfortunately, they don't know Stouffville. It's a unique community — a little different."

Mr. Bowes explained how the Town relies heavily on volunteers, people who run everything from minor hockey to the Strawberry Festival.

"I appreciate how hard these people work. They receive no money," he said.

Mr. Bowes regards the position of school trustee as a community service, part of the spirit of volunteerism that typifies Whitchurch-Stouffville.

"I was committed to it, (the roll-back), and I'm disappointed it didn't happen," he concluded.



Downed plane found after massive search

—Michael Hagarby

A massive search Sunday night involving York Region Police and fire departments from Whitchurch-Stouffville, Markham, Richmond Hill and Aurora ended at 10:50 a.m. Monday with the discovery of a downed aircraft at Summit Golf

and Country Club east of Yonge Street and south of Stouffville Road. Killed in the crash was Dawn Hartman, 39, of Glen Donwyne Drive, Toronto. Identified as George Hartman, husband of the deceased, and pilot of the twin-engine craft.

Confirm 30 AIDS cases

By BRUCE STAPLEY

YORK REGION — As incidents of AIDS exposure increase, Gail Clenman, Health Educator, (AIDS Project), Region of York, feels public education is vital.

There are 30 known cases of exposure in York, but this doesn't mean there aren't others out there, Gail stresses.

"Thirty people have tested positive," she explains, "but some may have taken the tests in Toronto or may not yet have shown symptoms."

Gail emphasizes the fact the majority of persons exposed to the HIV infection, (Human Immunodeficiency Virus), will die. Research, she says, is continuing in an effort to come up with a drug to successfully treat the disease. However, to date, none has proved completely successful.

A key role played by the AIDS Project is to reach the public with up-to-date information. The organization also provides support for those afflicted as well as families and friends.

"We welcome enquiries," Gail states. "We invite anyone to call us, at the York Region Public Health Unit."

AIDS education is mandatory in Ontario schools from Grades 7 to 9. Gail says her group has been working closely with York Region Board of Education.

"But teens sometimes feel they're immortal; they don't always take the information seriously," she notes.

High-risk activities must be explained, Gail says, also myths concerning the disease must be discounted.

"Those who know of or work with AIDS patients, must be taught to be sympathetic and not discriminate," she states.

Gail dispels the suggestion that AIDS is a disease associated only with the gay community.

"There's a great need for education," Gail concludes.

An eye-witness Race tragedy

WHITCHURCH — Ed and Heidi Hakonson and family travelled to Owen Sound last week to enjoy the Dayco Georgian Cup Snowmobile Races.

But it was a day they'd like to forget. They witnessed a freak accident that resulted in the death of a five-year-old girl.

A snowmobile driver, Craig Fraser of Mississauga, lost control of his machine on a curve. It slammed into a telephone pole and fence near, where little Carissa McArthur and her grandfather were standing. Carissa died Jan. 26 in Sick Children's Hospital, Toronto.

Heidi said they've been attending snowmobile races for 16 years but never saw an accident like it before.

Educator raps Ministry report

STOUFFVILLE — An angry Harry Bowes, Chairman of York Region Board of Education, has written letters to every Member of Parliament across Ontario, refuting statements made by Education Minister Chris Ward, both inside and outside the Legislature with regard to 'access of children of refugees to Ontario schools'.

A copy of Mr. Bowes' letter reads:

"Since the Minister of Education, The Hon. Chris Ward, saw fit to send the chairperson of every board of education in Ontario a copy of his recent statement in the Legislature and also a memorandum re persons claiming refugee status, I am sending you the correct information to set the record straight."

On Feb. 11, 1989, the Minister telephoned me at our Board Office for information concerning the issue in the Toronto Star.

Parkview project

STOUFFVILLE — Stand in line. This, in effect, was the response by Councillor Doug Alles to a request for 25 sewage units at Parkview Village, Ninth Line South.

The Parkview Village Retirement Community Association wish to add a further 25 cluster homes at their site. For this, they require additional sewage capacity.

Councillor Alles argued Parkview should submit a formal application and wait their turn like everyone else. To do otherwise, he said, would set a dangerous precedent.

"Your asking for trouble," cautioned Councillor Margot Marshall.

Councillor Wayne Emmerson recommended Parkview "be put on a list for future consideration", to which Councillor Ron Robb replied: "Parkview wants these units now!"

Honored

UXBRIDGE — A 26-year-old secretary word-processor operator has been named Durham West's 'Outstanding Junior Farmer of the Year'.

Anne Vanderven, R.R. 2, Uxbridge, was honored at banquet and dance, Saturday, in the Uxbridge Hall.

She was presented with an engraved plaque.

assured him that no refugee or refugee claimants had ever been barred by the York Region Board of Education but that, because of the heavy influx of regular resident students and refugee claimants, some had a delay of two or three weeks in their registration. Of course, there was a two-week Christmas holiday at the time.

I also assured him that all had been placed at the time of our conversation. Regardless, the Minister chose to make his statement in the Legislature, commenting on the sensationalism of a cub reporter from the Toronto Star.

Fellowship

Christopher Roney, son of Paul and Louise Roney, Ninth Line North, Stouffville, has been awarded a (government) of Canada Fellowship.

News of the honor was received by his parents Friday.

Christopher is a graduate of St. Mary's Separate School and Stouffville Dist. Secondary School.

He received his B.A. and M.A. degrees from the University of Western Ontario, London. He'll be awarded his doctorate in May of this year.

Christopher will spend the next two years in his graduate work at the University of New York.

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Praying for snow

CLAREMONT — It's Winter Carnival Week at Claremont.

From Jan. 31 through Feb. 5, the community kicks up its heels.

Even a shortage of snow won't deter folks enthusiasm.

Activities follow — Wed., Feb. 1, Lioness Bingo, Community Centre, 7:30 p.m. Thurs., Feb. 2, Snow Queen Pageant; Community Centre, 8:30 p.m. Fri., Feb. 3, Student Snow Sculpture, (weather permitting), Public School; Torch-Light Parade,

United Church to the Park, 6:30 p.m.; Opening Ceremonies and Family Skating Party, (weather permitting), Community Park, 7 p.m.; Teen Dance; Community Centre, 8 p.m. Sat., Feb. 4, Pancake Breakfast, United Church, 8 to 9:30 a.m.; Claremont Mile Run, Old Brock Road, 10:30 a.m.; Carnival Parade, Old Brock Road, 11 a.m.; Open House and Awards Presentations, Legion Hall, 11:30 a.m.; Children's

Events, Community Park, 12:30 p.m.; Carnival Contests, Community Park, 1 p.m.; Youth vs. Oldtimers Hockey Game, (weather permitting), 2 p.m.; Community Park; Trappers Ball, Claremont 4-Seasons, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Sun., Feb. 5, Oldtimers Hockey, Community Park, 1:30 p.m.; Skiing-tobogganing, Public School, (weather permitting), 2:30 p.m.; Ham Supper, Baptist Church, 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.



Brawl

A Stouffville teen was treated in hospital and two companions were injured during a fight Friday, near the corner of Main and Edward Streets.

Sean Sorichetti, Bayberry Drive, suffered a fractured nose and lacerations to his head.

Less seriously hurt were Steve Campbell, Glengall Lane and Shawn Procnier, Ironwood Crescent, all of Stouffville.

The glass in the front door of the Mr. Submarine shop was shattered.

The assault was described as unprovoked. The Stouffville lads were unable to provide police with names, nor could they recognize their assailants from photographs.