

# HS students share smiles and tears on departure for Carpentras, France



On Friday, two staff teachers, 21 students and one parent departed Stouffville Dist. Secondary School en route to Carpentras, France. On hand to say goodbye to Carrie Swain, (centre), were sisters Jody and Lisa and pet poodle 'Casey'.



This is only a portion of the baggage carried by Jennifer Hart. The group travelled by bus to Pearson International. They'll return April 16. Stouffville is now twinned with Carpentras, a union made official in 1988.

## Andrea adjusts easily to insurance partnership

**By KATE GILDERDALE**  
STOUFFVILLE — When Ron Brillinger recently welcomed Andrea Corner into partnership as a broker at Ron Brillinger Insurance Broker Ltd., he didn't have to worry about how she'd adjust to life at his Main Street West office.

Andrea has been working with Ron for almost 10 years, since May 1979.

"I saw an ad in the paper for a part time secretary," she recalls. Initially she worked three days a week, then four; she started working full time in 1984. Four years ago she took an intensive two week course in the city and

obtained her broker's licence. To pass, she had to achieve at least 75 per cent.

"I was up every morning at 5:45 to catch the 7 o'clock GO train. I think I'd find it difficult to do that every day." Nevertheless she had fun meeting all the regular commuters. "It was a bit like a club." At the end of a long day, she'd go home and spend her evenings studying.

"I'm an insurance broker under restriction," she says. That means she will have to take another course if she wants to open up her own business. When she first joined Ron, she had no insurance experience; before she and her husband Bill had

children, she had worked as a secretary in the Metro Police department.

When a part time secretarial job became available in town, it was just what Andrea was looking for.

"Over the years it's become more involved, with changes in the industry, rates getting higher and quotes becoming more complicated."

Nowadays, companies ask a lot more questions and there are more restrictions than there used to be, she adds.

Referrals are an important source of new clients, and some people simply drop into the office for advice.

"People like the friendly atmosphere, they like the fact that you know who they are and when they come in," she observes.

Three weeks ago, Donna Woolford joined Ron and Andrea on a part time basis, to help out with typing, filing and keeping renewals up to date.

Andrea is delighted with the way things have turned out, and enjoys working with Ron.

"He's a very nice guy to work for," she concludes. "I've worked with him all these years and you couldn't ask for a nicer boss."

## Busy week

BLOOMINGTON — The Green Gables Nursing and Retirement Home has been a busy place with many activities enjoyed by residents.

On March 21, the 'Singing Nannies' from Richmond Hill were present. A Wednesday morning service was enjoyed at Christ Church (Anglican), Stouffville with refreshments to follow. These included hand-made chocolate novelties prepared by the ladies of the church.

Winners of an Easter raffle were — Marie Kearney, Heather McCaughey, Pat Miller, Mike Gates, Jamie Fenwick and Alie Hulshof. Prizes were donated by — Stouffville A&P, La Villetta Restaurant, Monaco Florist, Stouffville Florist, Stouffville Fish and Chips and Stouffville I.G.A. Proceeds will go to the Residents' Council Fund.

On March 25, the Easter bunny 'hopped in', courtesy 'Friends of Seniors'. On Easter Sunday, service was hosted by Christ Church, Stouffville.



Robyn Grove's sparkling smile will brighten any dull days in Carpentras. The air was filled with excitement prior to departure. Many parents were on hand to say their goodbyes. —Jim Thomas

## Euchre

The Vandorf Ladies Euchre Club is holding a euchre, Fri., April 21 at 8 p.m., in the Vandorf Community Hall.

Admission, (refreshments included), is \$2.00.

All proceeds will go to the Alzheimer Society.

## Editor's Mail

### Concerns unresolved

Dear Editor:

Your newspaper's Page 1 story, (March 29), under the heading 'Principal Protest', raised a few important questions for us.

It seemed odd Mr. Elliot's stated "only concern" is for the welfare of the children and yet, at the same time, he is quoted as saying "there appears to be something going on but he's not sure if it's happening".

This singular lack of awareness would belie his stated concern.

Either Mr. Elliot is genuinely unaware, which is unforgivable for a man in his position, or he is unwilling to face a growing concern that involved parents are trying to point out to him.

As parents involved in last year's "controversy", we are dismayed that nothing has changed, although Board officials assured us there would be

attempts to bring about improvements, and we are most irate that the term "witch-hunt" is still being bantered about.

Mr. Elliot's use of the term clearly shows he is either unable or unwilling to deal with the parents' concerns in a constructive manner.

As parents, we should certainly be offended at having our genuine concerns dismissed as the ravings of vindictive hot-heads.

Further questions arise over trustee Bowes' involvement in the situation.

Do twelve calls in one day really constitute "small problems?"

The "general unhappiness" to which Mr. Bowes refers, is far more deep-seated than he would concede to publicly. And there lies the main irritation.

There is a very clear message that Board officials and Mr. Bowes would prefer to play ostrich over this 'principal

protest'.

Is our elected official going to be allowed to pretend nothing is going on while allowing the principal to dismiss parents' concerns as a "witch-hunt?"

Let us not forget that Board officials, including principals and trustees, have to answer to taxpayers and parents.

It is our children they are educating. We have a direct interest and voice in determining the quality of education that is delivered.

Sincerely,

Linda Hollin,  
Rick Hollin  
Stouffville

Editor's Note: The comment by Mr. Elliot "there appears to be something going on but I'm not sure if it's happening" was in reference to the March 28 meeting at the Board office that, as of March 27, hadn't been confirmed.

## Neighborly Notes

### To Havelock

The father and son team of Doug and Dave Burkholder, Stouffville, has taken over the operation of Albert's Motors in Havelock. This wish to thank their many customers for their patronage.

anniversary, April 4. They were honored at a surprise party, (sort of), at the home of Jim and Jean Thomas, Rupert Avenue, Stouffville, Sunday night. More than 60 family members and friends attended.

### Pure gold

Congratulations to Stephanie Barclay of the Stouffville Figure Skating Club. On Saturday, (April 1), Stephanie passed her Viennese Dance, completing all her Gold Dances. The Club is proud.

### A momento

On Monday, the energetic custodian at Stouffville's A&P Plaza found an old snapshot that's undoubtedly a keepsake of 45 years ago. It's a picture of two girls and an R.C.A.F. pilot. The gentleman can pick up the photo at The Tribune Office any time during office hours.

### Please help

A co-op student from the University of Waterloo requires room and board in the Stouffville-Markham area during the months of July and August. Sarah Lindsay of Dresden Ont., is a non-smoker. Anyone able to provide this accommodation is asked to call The Tribune at 640-2100.

### Happy 25th

Congratulations to Martin and Joy Johannessen, R.R. 2, Stouffville, on the occasion of their 25th wedding



ANDREA CORNER



### Court Jester can turn a frown upside down

All frowns will be turned upside down when Shayna Segal comes on stage. Shayna is the Court Jester in the musical 'Robin Hood' at Goodwood Public School, April 13 and 14 at 8 p.m. Holding Shayna aloft is Wendy Haggart in the role of Alan-a-Dale. On the left is Colleen Segriff, (Maid Marian), and on the right, Mathew Gregory, (King Richard). Admission is adults \$2; students \$1.

—Jim Thomas

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