

Photos of Stouffville's weekly calendar of events

Photos of ex-hubby in album



A FRIEND IN MEADE

Dr. Ed Meade

Q: My children are at an age where they enjoy looking at family photo albums. I was married for several years before meeting my present spouse and my children's father. While the first union dissolved, my first husband and I remain distant friends. I never felt it necessary to throw out any old photographs. How do I explain these pictures to my children?

A: Is there really a need to explain these pictures and your former marriage to your children? This is the type of skeleton you probably don't want in your closet.

I'm reminded of a movie I recently saw called See You in the Morning in which a couple, both from previous marriages, deal with the feelings of guilt and with letting go of previous relationships, especially as the old alliances interact with the new relationships and children.

Are there residual feelings of guilt still hanging on with your first relationship? Are these photographs an issue with your present husband? Are you by any chance living in the same house you and your first spouse shared? Is there one child in particular you would prefer not to know about your past? You can see that your question raises as many questions as it suggests answers.

You could place these photographs in a special album apart from your present family which would enhance the dignity of your present marriage. Photographs intermingled could be confusing to your children as they act as a symbol of importance. Keeping the photographs in a ritualistic statement of preserving importance. Hence these photographs either side-by-side or in the same album, may be communicating the message that the first spouse has equal importance and dignity as the children's father.

Dr. Meade welcomes your questions. If your response is published name and identity will be withheld. Questions should be directed to the Markham Stouffville Family Life Centre at 5871 Hwy. 7 E. Markham.

Each week, Community Focus includes a Calendar of Events. Organizations and/or individuals are asked to call in their activities by the Friday preceding publication. The telephone numbers are 640-2100 or 649-2292.

There's no charge for this service.

Thurs. May 25

Stouffville Lawn Bowling opens at 7:30 p.m. today. Everyone is welcome. Experienced instructors will be on hand and three weeks of free bowling is offered to beginners. For further information call 640-1253.

The Stouffville DanceCentre directed by Michele Green will present its 6th Annual Recital at Stouffville District Secondary School today and tomorrow at 7:45 p.m. There will also be a special matinee Sunday at 2 p.m.

Evening performances will include the total DanceCentre enrollment of 270 students aged five to 16 demonstrating their talents in ballet, tap and jazz. The second half of the program will be a production of The Wizard of Oz using 80 students ranging in age from eight to 16. Tickets available from DanceCentre students or by call-

ing Michele Green at 640-6062. Thursday-Friday Adults \$5; Children and Seniors \$3. Sunday matinee all seats \$3.

The Yellow Brick House annual meeting will be held at the Hotel Aurora, 150 Yonge St. N., Aurora, at 8 p.m. Speaker will be Maude Barlow, well-known women's and children's advocate.

The Ontario South District Women's Institute will hold its annual meeting at the United Church, Greenbank. Registration at 9:25 a.m., program starts 9:25 a.m.

Durham West 4-H Farm Machinery Club meets at the farm of Bob Taylor, R. R. 3, Port Perry at 7:30 p.m.

Durham West 4-H Domestic Science Judging Club holds its meeting at Bagshaw Locker Service, Sunderland, at 7 p.m.

Thurs. May 26

The Budweiser Truck Show opens at the Markham Fairgrounds, continuing to May 28.

Sat. May 27

Durham West 4-H Domestic Science Judging Competition will

be held at Wilson's Sale Barn, Uxbridge, at 10 a.m.

Whitevale holds its Annual Spring Festival, Harmony Day, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Festival includes bake sale, children's activities, crafts, house and mill tours, hiking trail, picnic area, pony rides, a raffle, Victorian Tea Garden and yard sales. Whitevale is five miles north of Hwy. 2 on Altona Rd. or one mile south of Hwy. 7 off the Durham-York town line. For more information contact Maureen Jones at 471-4357.

The Silver Jubilee Club is holding an Art Class Exhibition of Oil Paintings at 50 Main St. W., Stouffville, from 1-3 p.m.



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Eta Lambda Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi sorority is holding its annual fund-raising event at Latham Hall. Theme of this year's dance is Wish Upon a Star. All proceeds will go to the Hospital for Sick Children. Tickets at \$20 per couple are available from Maureen Redshaw at 640-1486 or Jan Black at 640-3508.

A giant Spring Garage Sale will be held today at the Box Grove Community Centre from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. All proceeds will go to Box Grove United Church.

Spring Fete Yard Sale and Bake Sale, sponsored by Greenwood United Church lawn, is scheduled from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Table space is available at \$10. The sale includes plants, crafts, home baking, coffee, white elephants and nearly new items. The event will go rain or shine. Everyone is welcome. For further information, call 683-8513.

Sun. May 28

Pine Grove Church service at 3 p.m. Rev. Harry Waite is speaker and there will be special music.



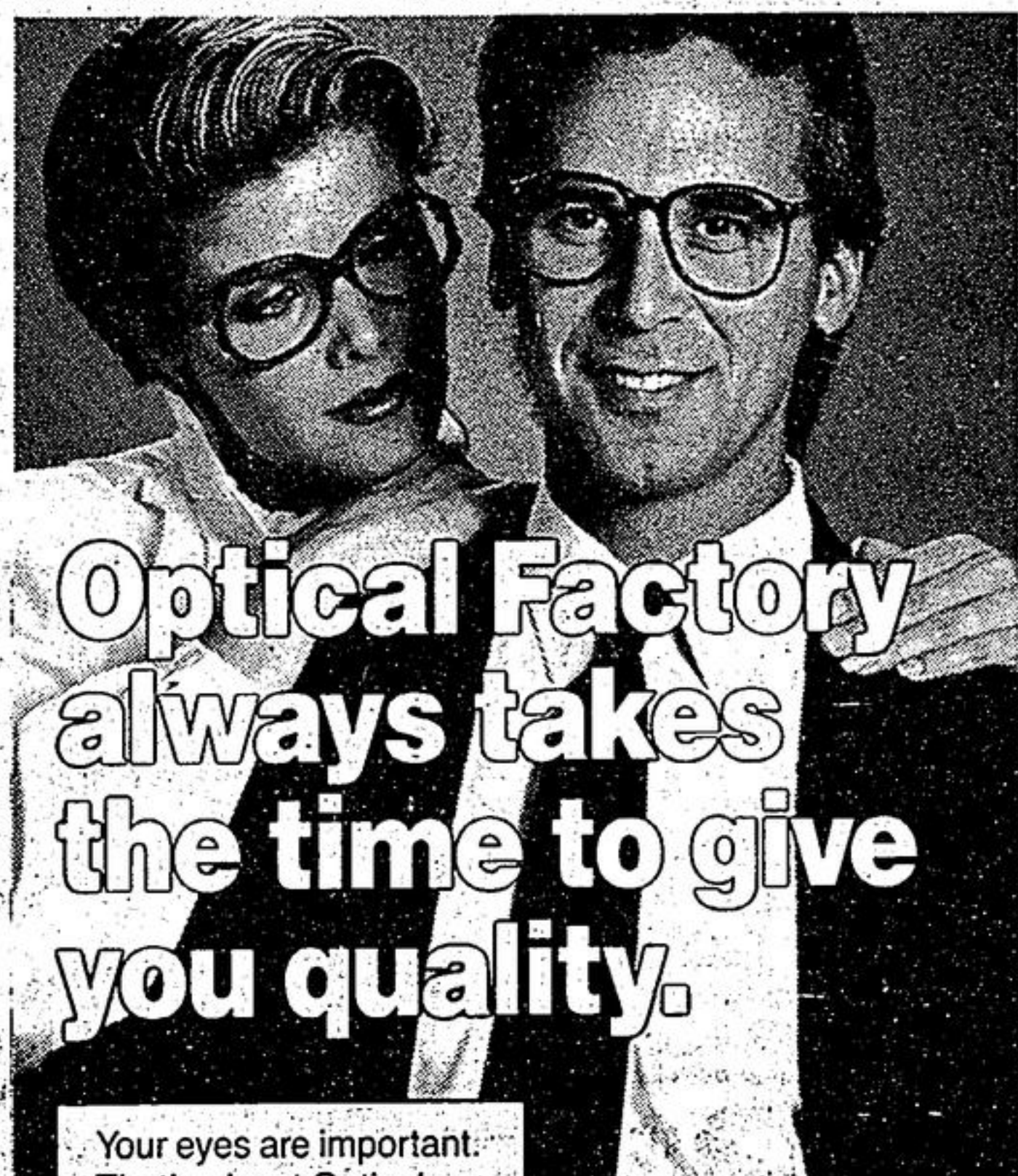
THE ANNUAL MEETING OF MARKHAM STOUFFVILLE HOSPITAL

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Amendments to the Administrative By-Laws and Ratification of Medical By-Laws will be presented.

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