

International buffet will benefit Philippines

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Stouffville Christian Memorial Church is inviting the community to attend an international buffet, which will feature foods from third world countries, on Friday, Feb. 22nd at 6:30 p.m.

Rev. Jim Amy and his wife Meriam spent several years with Emmanuel International, visiting churches across Canada and reporting on mission activities in the third world. "Part of our program was putting on international buffets and they were always very popular," said Rev. Amy. "That's where we got the idea from."

"I left the mission a few years back and started pastoral work here, but I've always wanted to put on an international buffet for our church."

Meriam Amy is from the Philippines and worked with the mission there until 1985, when she came to Canada. A nurse by profession, she also did relief work in Ethiopia during the famine of 1985.

She is a talented cook, and learned many of the recipes she will be presenting on the 22nd from

people of various nationalities, whom she met during her cross-Canada tours.

During the evening, the Amys will report on the urgent need for assistance in the Philippines.

"Last Nov. 13th there was a really big typhoon that hit my village community," said Meriam.

A lot of homes were destroyed. The government is helping people as far as food is concerned, but according to my sister things like building materials are badly needed.

Following the buffet, in which dishes from a number of countries will be served, there will be an information program on the devastation in the Philippines and on the plans for re-building.

"We will show slides of the village and explain what we want to do with the money we raise," said Rev. Amy.

"There'll be a little offering after the program," added his wife, "but there will be no charge for the buffet."

The idea is not simply to hand out money, stressed Rev. Amy. "We'll be working with the church there, we want it to be an opportunity for

our church to do something for them and to allow us to truly reach out to people in need."

The Amys will be visiting the Philippines themselves early in March. Meriam Amy has not seen her family for almost six years and her husband has never met them.

Although their trip is primarily a family reunion, the couple will also

visit the village to learn about their needs first hand.

"We can take pictures of people and the pastor of the church there and bring back reports for our church," notes Rev. Amy.

"I think it will be really exciting, an opportunity for people here to become really aware of some of the problems of the third world."

Free tickets for the buffet can be obtained by calling Rev. Amy at 640-2561, or through your own church.

"We're asking people to obtain tickets because we have limited space," he said. "If we're overwhelmed by the response, we'll have to have another one when we get back from the Philippines."

Alan Baker served in Canadian Navy, was active church member

Stouffville area native Alan Baker passed away on Feb. 4 at the Sloan Kettering Memorial Hospital in New York City.

The husband of Shirley Baker, he was in his 71st year.

Born on Feb. 20, 1920, he was the son of the late Morgan and Gertrude Baker.

He was the retired vice-president of manufacturing for Continental Can Co. after 34 years of employment in executive positions with Continental in Toronto, Montreal, New York, Chicago, Brussels and Stamford.

Alan received his education at Lemonville Public School, Stouffville Continuation School and Markham District High School, after which he graduated as an engineer from the University of Toronto.

Following graduation, he served from 1941 to 1945 as a Lieutenant in the Royal Canadian Navy.

He was an active member of the Wilton (Conn.) Congregational Church, serving on many of its boards of directors and committees.

He also served on the boards of



ALAN BAKER
Stouffville native

directors of the Wilton YMCA and Ogden House and was the past-president of the Wilton Kiwanis Club.

Following his retirement in

1980, he worked as a volunteer co-ordinator for International Executive Service Corps, and was secretary of the University of Toronto Associates.

He was predeceased by one son, William Arthur Baker, and is survived by his wife, Shirley (Brown) formerly of Unionville; two sons Alan Robert Baker of West Hartford, Conn., Donald M. Baker of Elk Grove, Ill., a daughter Elizabeth Smith of New London, Conn. and 12 grandchildren.

He is also survived by three sisters, Alma Oldham, Doris Ratcliff and Mary Hutchinson, all of Stouffville, and a brother Merlyn of Uxbridge.

The Rev. Duane Breeze conducted a memorial service on Feb. 9 at Wilton Congregational Church.

Burial will be in the spring at Baker Hill Baptist Church cemetery.

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THURS. FEB. 21

Friendship Club meets at the Legion Hall at 8 p.m. new members always welcome. Call Marion Murphy at 640-2443.

FRI. FEB. 22

Memorial Christian Church, corner of Stouffer and Main Streets is hosting an international buffet at 6:30 p.m. featuring foods from Ethiopia, the Philippines, Brazil and other countries. Admission free by ticket only. An offering will be taken to cover food costs and for a small relief fund project in the Philippines. For your ticket call Jim or Meriam Amy at 640-2561.

SAT. FEB. 23

Whitchurch-Stouffville minor softball final registration at Stouffville Recreation Centre from 9 a.m. to noon or take application to the recreation office.

SUN. FEB. 24

Stouffville Missionary Church children's choir is presenting a musical called Come On Over To My Own Backyard at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

The Latham Gallery at Stouffville Public Library is hosting a four-hour Printmaking Workshop from 1-5 p.m., in waterbased, woodcut printing. Participants will produce a small two-color edition and experiment with monoprint variations. Cost is \$22.50 including all materials and GST. For more information call 640-2395.

MON. FEB. 25

Seniors are meeting at 7:30 p.m. to view a travelogue for upcoming bus trips after the travelogue Ted Krainyk and musicians will entertain. For more information call Elva Boyd at 640-5060.

TUES. FEB. 26

Calamity Jane - a classical musical starring Doris Day will be shown at 12:30 p.m. at the Silver Jubilee during tea free of charge. Sponsored by CHATS. Call 640-6554 for more information.

Kids in Crisis - Summitview Parent/Staff Association is hosting an open evening to all parents at 7:30 p.m. at Summitview Public School. Guest speaker will be Cheryl Leechman of York Region Board of Education. Tragic Events Resource Team. Call Sue Sherban for more information at 640-4584.

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