

Community

Multiple Sclerosis trivia rally highlight in May

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May is Multiple Sclerosis Month and the 1994 MS Carnation Campaign will be held across Canada May 5, 6 and 7.

At the local level, this year's Annual MS Trivia Car Rally is a major fund-raising event, with all proceeds going to the York East Chapter of the MS Society, which covers Stouffville, Markham and Mount Albert.

The rally challenges participants to find their way around the region with the help of a series of clues. It's a brain-teaser rather than a race, so keeping your wits about you and having a sense of humor are major assets.

Participants get a chance to win fabulous prizes, including a Las Vegas trip for two, a music system and hotel getaways. The rally starts from Willowmead Farm, 13123 McCowan Rd. on Saturday,

May 28 and will be followed by a barbecue and entertainment.

Half the money raised goes towards research, the other half is used in the community. Based on current statistics, it is estimated that approximately 33 people who live in Whitchurch-Stouffville have MS.

Some individuals experience mild symptoms for years, while others may eventually require a wheelchair, which can create the need for adaptations to homes and vehicles to allow them to retain their independence.

Many turn to the MS Society for

support and social group activity. The York East Chapter of the society considers all requests for assistance. The chapter also runs a yoga group, a social group at Participation House and a group for newly diagnosed patients, which was established earlier this year.

Led by a nurse therapist, this group discusses coping skills and symptoms, as well as any other topics of interest to members. In addition, the society holds regular monthly meetings dealing with social and educational issues and offering emotional support.

MS is a disease of the central ner-

vous system which may cause loss of co-ordination, tremors, double vision, extreme fatigue and even paralysis. It usually affects young adults between the ages of 20 and 40 and, as yet, there is no known cause or cure. Each year, the MS

Carnation Campaign raises about two million dollars across Canada, which has one of the world's highest incidences of the disease.

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