

Community

King and Queen Treacy preside over Hospice party

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Even Queen Victoria would have been amused had she been introduced to a new member of the royal family, King Jim Treacy. Treacy and his wife, Josephine,

will officially be crowned King and Queen of Hearts at the third annual Royal Frolic, a fabulous fund-raiser for Hospice Markham-Stouffville, which takes place Friday, Feb. 9 at York Downs Golf and Country Club.

The royal couple, whose Irish

ancestry makes them an intriguing choice for the monarchy, have attended a number of functions since they were selected for the honor last year.

"We were involved with the hospice fashion show and I worked with Club Markham in developing an aerob-a-thon which raised \$2,800 for hospice," said Treacy.

"I'm hoping, with the club's support, we will be able to get that up to \$5,000; Club Markham are really great for the community."

At the fashion show, his majesty pontificated on the problems of the royal family and suggested some remedies for their misfortunes.

"I would hope we brought a little common sense to their behavior," said Treacy with a grin.

He also proved conclusively that there is a rich vein of humor in the royal blood on the Irish side.

In addition to his state duties, Treacy is an active member of the St. Patrick Church social committee, which is holding its annual family night Feb. 17. "We usually get about 230 people out for that. It's a real family thing; kids come and everybody gets food and entertainment and almost everybody gets a door prize."

Meanwhile, his majesty is looking forward to a right royal evening of fun and

entertainment Friday, Feb. 9 with a cocktail reception beginning at 7 p.m. and dinner at 8 p.m.

Dancing will follow and guests are invited to place their bids in the silent auction, which features more than 50 items, including a hot air balloon ride, a Mitsubishi television, a Tor-mark wing chair, an autographed print of Dave Andreychuk and some unique and beautiful art work.

All proceeds go to the hospice and tickets are \$75 each, of which \$50 is eligible for a tax receipt. For more information, or to purchase tickets, contact the office of Hospice Markham-Stouffville at 472-5014.

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Museum exhibit at Latcham Gallery

The 1996 exhibition schedule for The Latcham Gallery was approved at a meeting of the Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library Board Monday night.

This year's schedule will comprise six exhibitions, one fewer than in 1995, which will save the gallery an estimated \$750 in artists' fees and costs.

At the meeting, Lenore Hawley advised the board she had been approached about the possibility of a joint exhibition for the library and Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum, as part of the township's 25th anniversary celebrations.

The work of installing the exhibition, which would be mounted in July and August during the gallery's summer closure, would be done entirely by the museum, said Hawley. "All they're asking is space from us and our attendance at the meetings, as well as any ideas we

may have."

A motion which supported, in principle, the use of gallery space for a joint anniversary display for the library and the museum was approved by the board.

Mark Dewar asked the board to reconsider the elimination of the art committee. "When I put the original motion on the floor (at the Jan. 8 meeting) I was not fully aware of all the responsibilities of the committee in question," he noted. "From what I have subsequently learned, there was more to that committee than met the eye."

Because of its role in providing volunteer help and organizing events such as the film series, fund-raising and the membership drive, Dewar suggested its re-institution and the motion to reconsider its elimination was carried.

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