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## Chamber wins award

JOAN RANSBERRY  
 Staff Reporter

The Whitchurch-Stouffville Chamber of Commerce stood on the provincial stage and took a well deserved bow on the weekend.

The local Chamber has won the Ontario Chamber of Commerce 1997 President award because of its initiative with economic development, including the Stouffer Vision Fund.

Jim Harper, president of the Ontario Chamber of Commerce, presented the award to Stouffville president Helene Johnson at a convention held in Kitchener.

"We're a small chamber in a very large province. It makes the win quite meaningful,"

said an ecstatic Johnson.

A combination of hard work, a new approach and risk taking has

paid off, stressed Johnson. David Turner, founding chairman of the town's Economic Development Action

Committee agrees: "We met our goals. This is wonderful to be recognized for it," said Turner. Last



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year, in a precedent setting move, the local chamber partnered with the town-based Economic Development Action Committee went in search of \$100,000. More than 20 local business contributed.

The money is being used to promote Whitchurch-Stouffville both within the community and outside.

In turn, the town donated \$100,000 to the two-year cause which was tagged the Stouffer Vision.

Abraham Stouffer is considered the founding father of Stouffville.

With \$200,000 to work with, it meant Whitchurch-Stouffville was able to hire an economic development officer.

The timing of the award couldn't be better. Tonight, Johnson, Turner and Peter Burdon and other members of the Economic Development Committee will not only show off the provincial award, they'll present the first Stouffer-Fund business report to council tonight.

Burdon pointed out that the Ontario Chamber recognizes that the business community in Stouffville is keen on involvement.

"With 20 businesses taking part, it shows that business wants to be involved in economic development," said Burdon.

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News you can use

**HOW WAS YOUR WEEKEND?** Ask the Stouffville Sun's publisher how his was, and Charles Canning will likely not be able to contain himself. That's because Charlie's wife Lee bought the prize-winning ticket in Saturday's Lotto 649 draw. The net was a cool \$5 million. The couple, who live in Markham, said they will pay off their mortgage and invest the rest of the money.

Lee works at The Tribune's sister paper in Scarborough as an accounts clerk. The pair both called in sick Monday to pick up the cheque.

**CANDIDATES GATHER:** Federal election candidates for the local riding of Oak Ridges will square off at an all-candidates forum in Stouffville on Wednesday, May 14 beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting to be held at Parkview Village on the Ninth Line will give voters a chance to hear party platforms.

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## Secondary Plan on agenda

Vandorf and Preston Lake are about to go under the microscope.

Tonight (Tuesday), Whitchurch-Stouffville Council is scheduled to receive a report dealing with the Vandorf-Preston Lake Secondary Plan.

The plan, designed to be used as a guide when dealing with future planning matters for the northern hamlets, is attracting community interest, attention.

Officials of the Pride and

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PEACE: POP's or Pupils of Peace at Ballantrae PS settle an argument in front of a class learning about the peacemaking system at the school. From left are: POP Chris Husbands, Grade 6, Justin Howe, Grade 4, Lauren Forbes, Grade 4, and POP Toni Armstrong, Grade 6.

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