

**KATE'S CORNER:** *The reasons for my recent insanity escape me*

# Did someone remember to bring the cannelloni?

**H**ow come the licence number of my parents' first car remains firmly entrenched in my mind, while the reason I have just gone down to the basement completely eludes me?

Previous evidence indicates that senility is not entirely to blame. One weekend shortly after Mr. Wallethead and I had exchanged nuptial vows, we dropped in on a couple of close friends.

During the ensuing conversation, I outlined our weekend plans, which included a party on Saturday night.

"So what are you two up to?" I asked, cheerfully. The atmosphere immediately took on a chilly aspect and I was struck by an uncomfortable suspicion. "Nothing," said Celia. "Nothing now that is," she added, after a significant pause.

It began to dawn on me that reason they were doing nothing was that I had invited them to dinner the same night and, not being in possession of a diary at the time, had forgotten all about it. And the older I get, the harder it is to retain things.

"Make lists," is the clarion call of the self-help guru. The problem with this eminently



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sensible advice is that you have to remember where you've put the list after you've compiled it.

At this time of year, when the chateau is fully booked by visitors from across the pond and assorted teenagers from Canada and the States, it gets more complicated than ever. The social calendar is crammed with events ranging from drinks on the patio to major league parties.

Take last Saturday night, when Mr. Wallethead, Granny Pat and myself were among the honoured guests at a 25th wedding anniversary celebration.

Just as I was happily catching up with old friends, my significant other sidled over. "Have you put the cannelloni in the oven?" he inquired.

You could almost hear my memory chips creaking into action.

Guilt was the first emotion to surface — a reflex action in my case — quickly followed by panic.

Not only had I not put the cannelloni in the oven, I hadn't the foggiest clue what he was talking about. Had I completely lost my marbles?

Another scan of the aging brain cells shed no further light on the matter and a heated discussion followed, during which I learned that our freezer contained not one, but two, enormous containers of cannelloni which

we had been asked to cook and bring with us. To my immense relief, it transpired that everyone thought someone else had advised the chief cook and bottle washer of this excellent plan, but in the end, no one had done so.

Splendid though this news was, it didn't alter the fact that a horde of hungry people was lining up for cannelloni and salads, and we appeared to be two trays short of a party.

Happily, our hosts had purchased enough pasta to feed the entire population of Whitchurch-Stouffville and the food lurking stealthily in my freezer was superfluous. Still, it was a close call and I've vowed to write everything down from now on.

Does anyone know where I put my pencil?

**LIBRARY NEWS:** *Check out the upcoming family activities*

## New programs on deck for fall

Check out the Whitchurch-Stouffville parks, facilities and recreation brochure, fall and winter activity guide for the upcoming programs at the library.

New programs for the season include Bouncing Babies, a musical time for children under two years of age, and Tale for Tots Lullaby Time, a half hour of stories, music, puppets and fingerplays for two and three year olds.

Both programs require a parent or caregiver present. The old standbys will also be offered during the fall and winter seasons: Preschool Storyhour, Musical Discoveries and Tales for Tots, all on an eight-week session basis.

Elementary school-aged children can take part in the Children's Halloween Celebration on Oct. 24 and if you're 12 years of age, the babysitting course will be available.

For adults the Adult Discussion Group starts Wednesday, Sept. 16. Fall Gardening Tips will be provided in an

evening program on Sept. 10. A Remembrance Day program, "A Time to Remember," on Nov. 11, will feature a documentary film about the war. This will be followed by an Alternative Health Evening featuring a panel of four practitioners in four different areas of expertise: a pharmacist, a massage therapist, a dentist and a chiropractor. This evening is sponsored, so it will be offered free of charge. The date is Wednesday, Nov. 18.

The "Friends" group on Wednesday, Sept. 2, will be an interesting night. Val Marshall, past chair of the Ajax Friends of the Library, will be speaking on setting up a friends group and fundraising. Family events include Public Library Week, Oct. 19 to 25, and a Family Christmas Program with live entertainment in December.

All of the above can also be viewed through our web site at <http://www.itree.com/library/whitchurch/index.html>.

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