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The Staff of Pastaggio Ristorante on Bullock Drive present Gina Rosen, President of the MSH Foundation with a cheque. Pictured from L-R are Joey Rampulla, Carol Cassano, Gina Rosen, Jennifer Cassano, Cathy Cassano and Charlie Rampulla.

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YOU'LL LOVE MAY LOBSTERFEST

When the Corner House in Stouffville opened thirteen years ago, lovers of fine food were quick to appreciate their innovative menus and meticulous attention to quality and detail.

In addition to regular menu items, the Corner House also features special events throughout the year. "We've been doing a LobsterFest in June, July and August since we opened and it's been our most popular special event," says Manager Jennifer Pennanen.

As always, live lobsters will be flown in from the east coast for the next festival, which runs May 23 to May 28 and for which reservations are strongly recommended. "We sold about 200 lobsters at the last event, in addition to our regular menu items."

This is something a lot of people seem to enjoy - they particularly like the fact that it's flown in fresh and cooked here.

"We cook it four different ways, steamed, broiled or in one of two sauces,

Lobster Bonne Femme and Lobster Thermidor." The restaurant also features periodic special events with the emphasis on international specialties including Italian, Cajun, Jamaican and Indian cuisine.

An Elizabethan feast, which is held each fall, attracts clients from a wide area. Outdoor barbecues are another customer favourite, and Pennanen and her staff once again barbecued a giant hip of beef at last year's Strawberry Festival. "The quality of food here is always well above average and our prices are reasonable," Pennanen said.

"We have a fully stocked bar and a good selection of wines from different countries and we've just redecorated and renovated the restaurant." Rich hues of blue and plum lend a touch of European sophistication to the ambiance, without detracting from the restaurant's country house charm.

The upper level features framed posters of jazz greats, while original paintings by area artists are displayed on the walls downstairs. "We're featuring different artists every couple of months and the paintings are for sale."

Pennanen is an attentive and genial host, stopping at each table to chat to her guests, ensuring that everything is to their liking and exchanging friendly banter. "I try to make all feel as comfortable as I can, because I want everyone to come back again."

To make reservations for the Lobster Festival, call 640-8494.



Manager Jennifer Pennanen shows off one of the lobsters as well as a wide selection of wine.



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Bruce Godard (left) and Scott Sutcliffe received civilian citations at the monthly police services board meeting in Newmarket.

Cops honour heroes

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Two brave civilians, one who saved a life and another who caught the crooks, were honoured by York Regional Police Chief Robert Middaugh yesterday.

Scott Sutcliffe and Bruce Godard received civilian citations at the monthly police services board meeting in Newmarket.

Sutcliffe is a tow truck driver. He was driving along McCowan Road March 30, past a farm owned by Holly George.

As he passed, he noticed something being dragged alongside a horse bouncing off the ground.

He decided to investigate and his worst fear was confirmed — it was the seriously injured George, bleeding from the nose and mouth and having difficulty breathing.

Calling 911 and making George comfortable, Sutcliffe stayed with the woman until help arrived.

Doctors at Markham Stouffville Hospital determined the horse had stepped on George's chest. She was airlifted to Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre, where doctors told police her injuries were so severe she wouldn't have lasted another half-hour.

"When I saw it, it instantly reminded me of the

little girl who was killed horseback riding and something clicked," Sutcliffe said after the formal presentation.

He was referring to Elizabeth Halder, killed last April when she was dragged by a horse at Stouffville's Wagon Wheel Ranch.

Sutcliffe said he was glad to help. "I spoke to (George) about two weeks ago — she's still sore and tender, but she's recovering."

"Mr. Sutcliffe took time as a concerned citizen to investigate a matter that could have clearly cost the victim her life," said Deputy Chief Terence Kelly.

Markham's Bruce Godard had been keeping an eye on his neighbour's McCowan Road home while the family vacationed in Florida.

On Feb. 29, he noticed two men in a pick-up truck leaving the driveway and became suspicious.

He soon found the house had been broken into, with more than \$4,000 of property stolen.

Without thinking of his own safety, Godard got into his car and began following the truck west-bound on 16th Avenue.

As he approached Country Estates Drive, Godard flagged down officers who were there investigating a traffic accident.

The officers nabbed the two men, who were charged with numerous break-ins in Richmond Hill, Markham and Vaughan.

Police chopper stationed in Holland Landing

Air One, the York Regional Police helicopter, will have a new home in Holland Landing.

Silverline Helicopters Inc., out of Hare Air Field, has won the seven-month maintenance contract, worth \$231,871.

The contract includes flight costs at \$228 per hour for a total of \$166,896 for the seven months;

\$58,500 in maintenance costs, and an additional \$6,475 in other costs, including hangar space.

"It didn't matter to us where it was located, as long as they delivered the service efficiently," said Chief Robert Middaugh.

"It's just a bonus this location is close to headquarters."

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