

Gimme a B...Argos' cheerleaders lend support to blood donor clinic

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How many blood clinics have you seen with a 20-piece jazz band, Argo cheerleaders, free hotdogs and a giant, bouncing, waving drop of blood out front?

All that plus local guitar-folk favourites Harry and Al should

make Markham's third annual Blood Donor Awareness Month clinic into a real party.

"Yes, we're there to collect blood but it's also a fun thing," clinic convenor Andrea Kralj said.

The clinic, at St. Justin Martyr Church (3898 Hwy. 7 E.) Thursday from 2:30 to 7:30 p.m., is essential for the local blood supply, which shrinks every summer.

Two summers ago, Unionville stockbroker William Marcotte missed a chance for a liver transplant because of a seasonal blood shortage. But Marcotte's appeal for blood was heard all over the region and Markham's donor awareness month was born.

Blood is particularly needed in summer, when surgeries continue and accidents increase, said Kralj, a volunteer at St. Justin's clinic three years ago.

"Neighbours' surgeries were being postponed because of the lack of blood and it brought back memories of one of our own family members' need of a transfusion," she recalled.

"We just had to do something, and Blood Donor Awareness Month was launched."

Each year, Kralj added, support for the St. Justin summer bash from donors, volunteers, businesses and local performers has grown.

This time, live entertainment starts with Harry and Al, performing from 3 to 6 p.m., followed by the NonAffiliated Big Band, which has thrilled audiences at the Barrie and Queen Street jazz festivals, until 8 p.m.

The Toronto Argonaut Cheerleaders and Canadian Blood Services mascot Buddy the Blood Drop will be there from 5 to 7 p.m. McDonald's and The Meat Shoppe have donated food and refreshments.

COMMUNITY NOTES

Seniors jubilee

Senior performers from across Ontario will be taking part in the Royal Bank Seniors Jubilee tomorrow through Friday at Roy Thomson Hall in Toronto. For tickets or additional information, call (416) 872-4255.

Auditions in Newmarket

Auditions are being held Tuesday at 6 p.m. for Spotlight Theatre Company shows *The Little Shop of Horrors*, a Christmas show, *Godspell*, performers for Voice Impact 2001 Fringe Theatre and for children's performances. For more information, call 853-0829.

Golf tourney cancelled

The York Region Paramedic Association has cancelled its golf tournament, scheduled for Thursday at the Briars in Jackson's Point. Call 476-0342 for additional information.

Sign language class

The Canadian Hearing Society is offering classes in American sign language beginning in September. For more information, call 715-7511.

Seneca studies

An information session on part-time studies at Seneca College will be held Thursday from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the King campus in King City and the Newmarket campus in the Weston Produce Plaza on Yonge Street. Call (905) 833-3333.

Steam days in Uxbridge

Full-size and model steam engines, antique cars, pioneer artifacts, entertainment and arts and crafts are all part of the annual Uxbridge-Scott Steam Threshing Days event taking place Aug. 26 and 27 at the museum grounds, one mile west of Uxbridge.

Anti-violence rally

Deborah Mahaffy is the keynote speaker at this year's Take Back the Night rally and march, Sept. 14 at 7:30 p.m. at Aurora High School.

Sponsored by Yellow Brick House, Sandgate Women's Shelter, the Women's Sexual Assault Hotline, Women's Centre and Resolve, the event also features music, poetry and the symbolic march to reclaim the streets, which are often a source of fear and violence.

Call 727-1945, 722-4043 or 895-3646.

Meeting in Sharon

Women's Sexual Assault Helpline and Outreach Services of York Region have scheduled their annual general meeting for Aug. 22 at 7 p.m. at Sharon-Hope United Church on Leslie Street in Sharon.

Garage sale

Donations are being sought for the Yellow Brick House garage sale, scheduled for Aug. 26 in the Quaker Hills Plaza in Newmarket.

Items can be dropped off at the old Valdi's store in that plaza. Drop-off times are from 1 to 3 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, 5 to 9 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday. For more information, call 726-1367.

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