

The Economist & Sun/Tribune welcomes submissions of upcoming events from community organizations. While every effort is made to include all submissions, there is no guarantee of publication. You can e-mail calendar items to newsroom@econsun.com.

SPECIAL EVENTS

FRIDAY, DEC. 7

Unionville Main Street OLDE TYME CHRISTMAS, beginning 7 p.m. with a candle-light parade and tree-lighting ceremony.

Kids Dance takes place, 7-9:30 p.m., for ages 9-12, at Latham Hall, Stouffville, DJ, prizes, supervision. Admission \$5. Call Cindy (905) 852-3449.

Markham District Veterans Association is holding TURKEY ROLL at 8 p.m. at 7 Washington St. Held in support of Markham Army Cadets. Free admission and lunch. For more information call 905-294-3159.

SATURDAY, DEC. 8

Frederick Horsman Varley Art Gallery of Markham BREAKFAST WITH SANTA, 9 and 10:30 a.m. sittings at Unionville Arms, 189 Main St. Unionville. Tickets are \$12. Call 905-477-9511 ext. 221.

DEC. 8 & 9

Clock Tower Potters hold their first exhibit and sale, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., on the second floor of the former Stouffville municipal building, located at 19 Civic Ave. in downtown Stouffville. Experience the ancient art of hand-thrown and hand-sculpted pottery.

DECEMBER

UNICEF Christmas cards and gifts are now on sale until Dec. 23 at the UNICEF kiosk on the first level of Markville Mall, at the south end in front of Stokes. Contact Joyce at (905) 294-1712.

MONDAY, DEC. 10

Markham Historical Society holds its Christmas carol service, 8 p.m., at the museum church at the Markham Historic Village, 9350 Hwy. 48. Refreshments to follow a performance by the Markham Town Choir.

TUESDAY DEC. 11

CHANUKAH PARTY hosted by Jewish Women International Markham-Unionville Chapter. Call Sheryl, 905-305-7026 or Susan, 905-940-0286.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 12

Multiple Sclerosis Society York South holds its annual winter social at Richmond Hill Presbyterian Church, 10066 Yonge St. Food, games, music, fun and more. Call (905) 770-1549.

Stouffville Christian Women's Club hosts its Christmas coffee hour at Emerald Hills Golf Club, 9:30-11 a.m., at the club located on Warden north of Bloomington. \$6/person. Susan Martin of Barrie presents. Excuse me, your roots are showing. Linda Gillard-Lee of Distinctive Interiors will also be a guest speaker. For reservations, call Helen (905) 640-2542.

FRIDAY, DEC. 14

Supervised KIDS CHRISTMAS DANCE at Ballantrae Community Centre. For ages nine to 12 years old from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Admission \$5; drinks/snacks \$1 each. Call 905-852-3449 for details.

SATURDAY, DEC. 15

Join Santa for a PANCAKE BREAKFAST from 9 to 10:30 at the Ballantrae Community Centre (Aurora Road between Hwy. 48 and Ninth Line). \$3 a plate in support of the Whitchurch District Girl Guides. For more information call 905-640-4084.

SATURDAY JAN. 19

The Alzheimer Society of York Region's ALZHEIMER AWARENESS BREAKFAST takes place at the Sleepy Hollow Country Club (13242 Ninth Line). Tickets \$20. To purchase tickets call Newmarket office at 905-895-1337 or Thornhill office at 905-731-6611.

AT THE CHURCH

SATURDAY DEC. 8



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READY FOR OLD-FASHIONED FUN

Students at St. Matthew Catholic School prepare for their float in the parade during the Unionville Olde Tyme Christmas celebration this weekend. In the foreground, Brittany Sherwood, 11, adjusts the halo of Carolyn Hughes, 4, while (from left) Robyn Hughes, 9, Braden Sherwood, 9, Jeffrey Hewitt, 7, and Christopher Hewitt, 9, look on.

Village Voices presents FESTIVE CELEBRATION CONCERT at 7:30 p.m. at Central United Church (131 Main St. Unionville). Tickets \$12, children younger than 12 free. Call 905-294-8687 for details.

The senior choir of Ebenezer United Church presents The Cantata Down from His Glory by John Peterson, 7 p.m., 5000 Steeles Ave. E., at Brimley Road. Free admission. Call (905) 477-4365.

SUNDAY, DEC. 9

Christmas Concert at ST. MARK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, Stouffville at 3 p.m. Featuring the combined choirs of St. Mark and St. Brigit schools, St. Mark's Church junior choir, senior choir and folk group. All are invited to celebrate the Christmas Story in song. Light refreshments will be served. Admission: Canned donations for the Stouffville Food Bank. The event is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

TUESDAY, DEC. 11

Schizophrenia Society of Ontario's CHRISTMAS POTLUCK SUPPER at Grace Anglican Church (19 Parkway Ave.) at 7:30 p.m. Call 905-294-1404 to advise of anticipated number of people in your group and what type of food you plan to bring.

FRIDAY, DEC. 14

The Unionville Single Adult Ministry of Unionville Alliance Church holds its singles Christmas turkey extravaganza celebrating the season, with a 4-course turkey dinner and entertainment at Black Creek Pioneer Village. For info and to reserve a place, call Pat (905) 477-1104 ext. 507.

DEC. 14-16

A Christmas Musical Drama by choir, cast and live animals at MARKHAM MISSIONARY CHURCH (5438 Major Mackenzie Drive East). Public performances on Dec. 14 at 8 p.m. and Dec. 16 at 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Performance for group reservations on Dec. 15 at 3 p.m. No tickets needed, freewill offering only. To support three local charities.

SATURDAY DEC. 15

Chorale Adagio of Markham presents CHRISTMAS CONCERT at Unionville Presbyterian Church on Village Parkway at 7 p.m. featuring Grace Lyons, Heritage Singer. Tickets: adult \$10, senior/children \$8. Fundraising to purchase talking computer for

mentally challenged girl.

SUNDAY, DEC. 16

THE ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CHOIR presents A Quiet Joy Christmas concert at 7:30 p.m. at the church (143 Main Street Markham). No charge for admission.

SUNDAY, DEC. 23

Annual benefit Christmas Concert at THE CATHEDRAL OF THE TRANSFIGURATION (Woodbine Ave., north of Major Mackenzie Dr.) in Victoria Square at 4 p.m. Featuring special guests, Bach Children's Chorus, Michael Burgess, Jackalyn Short and Toronto Sinfonietta. The event is a benefit for The York Centre for Children, Youth and Families serving children with special needs and their families throughout York Region. Tickets: \$25; special rates for seniors and youth are also available. To order, call 905-887-5896 or 905-294-5230 (evening).

THEATRES/CONCERTS

FRIDAY, DEC. 7

"Abendmusik": A benefit concert featuring Violinist, Elation Pauls. Presented by WIDEMAN MENNONITE CHURCH, 10530 Hwy. 48 at 7:30 p.m. Admission by donation. All proceeds to "Out of the Cold" and "Long Lac First Nations" programs providing food and shelter for the homeless.

SATURDAY, DEC. 8

VILLAGE VOICES presents "Festive celebration" with conductor, Joan Andrews, at Central United Church (131 Main St.), Unionville at 7:30 p.m. Highlights from Handel's "Messiah" with soprano, Cathy Robinson, contralto, Judith Young, and the Apollo Chamber Orchestra. Tickets (at the door): \$12 (children under 12 free). Call 905-477-1531.

DEC. 14-16

SPRINGVALE BAPTIST CHURCH presents a holiday production, "Joy Came Down" at 7 p.m. "Joy Came Down" is a full dramatic and musical production and features live animals and a cast of over 50 volunteer actors, musicians, technical and support personnel. No tickets are required. Seating on a first-come-first-seated basis. Springvale Baptist Church is located at the corner of Kennedy and Stouffville Roads. Call 905-887-5651 for details.

SUNDAY, DEC. 16

Christmas Cantata "Emmanuel" with choir and orchestra at CENTRAL UNITED CHURCH, (131 Main Street), Unionville. (905-474-0183) at 7:15 p.m. A free will offering will be received.

"Hope for a better day" concert with Bach to Blues Company at CHRIST CHURCH ANGLICAN (254 Sunset Blvd.) at 7 p.m. \$8/adults; \$5/seniors and children 12. Proceeds to Salvation Army. Call 905-640-5999 for details.

TUESDAY, DEC. 18

Unionville High School Music Department presents WINTER FANTASIA at 7 p.m. at the Markham Theatre for Performing Arts (171 Town Centre Blvd.) Tickets \$9. For more information call 905-479-2787. Purchase tickets after Dec. 10 by calling 905-305-7469.

MEETINGS

THURSDAYS

BRIDGES OF HOPE drop in group meets at Evergreen Hospice (6060 Hwy. 7), Markham fourth Sunday each month. Call 905-472-5014 for details.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TOYS, HOUSEHOLD ITEMS WANTED

New toys and household items are being collected during December for women and children from Yellow Brick House, York Region's emergency shelter. Drop-off points are: Shoeless Joe's, 7270 Woodbine Ave., Markham, and Fullertons Place, 6211 Main Street, Stouffville. Gift certificates welcome. Items to be presented at a luncheon at Shoeless Joe's.

DECEMBER

Whitchurch-Stouffville Library offers a number of courses and workshops for the winter including: a visit from Santa Dec. 7 from 10-11 a.m.; Red Cross babysitting course Dec. 8 from 9:30 a.m.-4:45 p.m. for ages 11 and older; preschool story hour Mondays (Jan. 7-Feb. 25) or Tuesdays (Jan. 8-Feb. 26), 9:30-10:30 a.m.; and Musical Discoveries Wednesdays (Jan. 9-March 20) at either 9:30 a.m. or 12:45 p.m. or Thursdays (Jan. 10-March 21) from 9:30-10:15 a.m. for ages 3-

5. All programs require registration, in person, at the library.

UNC (Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada) provides free English language training to adult immigrants living in York Region, including Bradford and Uxbridge. Program is funded through Citizenship and Immigration Canada. Landed immigrants and convention refugees age 17 and older are eligible for the program. For Dec. classes call (905) 707-1555 or 1-800-477-4217.

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS 2-for-1 coupons for restaurants, fast-foods, travel, retail and more. Annual fundraising for Multiple Sclerosis Society York's South Chapter. Call Joyce, 416-491-6300, ext. 386 or 905-737-5537 for your copy(ies).

LIGHTEN UP CONTEST

"Lighten Up!" and celebrate the holidays with decorative light displays. Markham Lighten Up! contest runs from Nov. 24 to Dec. 20. Register your vote for the most festive residence and most festive street by calling hotline 905-415-7519. Markham encourages all participants in the Lighten Up! contest to practise responsible stewardship. Turn lights displays on after 7 p.m. and off by 11 p.m.; residents can enjoy festive decor while practicing some measure of energy conservation.

HOLIDAY CARDS

The Canadian Cancer Society holiday cards are now available. Share the spirit of the holiday season with your friends. Cards are blank for your personalized message. Choose from two designs. Proceeds will be used to fund ground-breaking cancer research. \$2.35 per card. Call Joanne or Pat at your local unit, 905-294-5925 or drop by the Unit Office.

EXHIBITIONS

THE ART OF GREETING CARDS

The art of greeting cards: The Hallmark Canada collection exhibition opens Dec. 5, 2001 and runs until Feb. 2, 2002 at The Frederick Horsman Varley Art Gallery of Markham. On loan from Hallmark Canada, the exhibition of selected works by Canadian artists features over 30 images, mainly reflecting the Painters of Canada series; rarely seen before by the public. The collection includes works by venerable painters, Alan Collier, Franz Johnston, and Dons McCarthy.

A number of works on display from the collection have been reproduced for Hallmark's greeting card covers over the years.

The gallery of Markham is located on 216 Main St., Unionville. Call 905-477-9511, ext. 221 for details.

STUDENT CARDS FOR NYC

Kathleen Gormley McKay Art Centre hosts a special art exhibit and sale of unique greeting cards created by students from York Region public schools. Proceeds will be donated to the relief fund in aid of the victims of the recent tragedy in New York City. Formal opening takes place Dec. 12 from 7-9 p.m.

SUPPORT GROUPS

TUESDAY, DEC. 18

CONNECTING RAINBOWS is a self-help group for people living with breast cancer and their family meets at 7:15 p.m. at Canadian Cancer Society, 227 Main St. N., (Station Plaza), Markham. No registration required. Call 905-294-5925 for details.


ADDICTION SERVICES

Addiction Services for York Region starts another "Families Working Together" project in the new year. To participate, you must have experienced an alcohol problem in the last five years; and you have parenting responsibility for an 8 to 12-year-old child. This program is designed to improve family relations, strengthen effective parenting skills and build children's life skills. Call 905-841-7007, ext. 335.

PBSO

PERINATAL BEREAVEMENT SERVICES ONTARIO holding a self-help support group meeting for Markham area families who have suffered a pregnancy loss or newborn death. We meet every second and fourth Thursday on the month at 6060 Hwy. 7 office from 7:30 to 9 p.m. and are free, call 905-472-1807.

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