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SPECIAL EVENTS

DECEMBER

UNICEF Christmas cards and gifts are 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.

SATURDAY, DEC. 22

ARTS INTEGRA STUDENT AND FACULTY SCHOLARSHIP AND CHRISTMAS CONCERT takes place 2 p.m. Saturday at St. Andrew's United Church, 32 Main St., Markham. Call the centre for information at (905) 471-3001.

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).

MONDAY, DEC. 31

NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE at the Royal Canadian Legion clubroom starting at 9 p.m. Enjoy a hot and cold buffet, music by Larry Goguen, and New Year's favours. Cost is \$12.50 per person. Tickets on sale at the Legion clubroom.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE LIBRARY offers a number of courses and workshops for the winter including: 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.

ESL

LINC (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-food, travel, retail and more. Annual fundraising for Multiple Sclerosis Society York South Chapter. Call Joyce, (416) 491-6300, ext. 386 or (905) 737-5537 for your copy.

HOLIDAY CARDS

THE CANADIAN CANCER SOCIETY'S 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 + pst per card. Call Joanne or Pat at your local unit, (905) 294-5925 or drop by the Unit Office.

RED CROSS

The ON BOARD CD-ROM available at your local Red Cross Office helps boater prepare for the new proficiency exam. Other holiday gifts include gift certificates to purchase item from the Red Cross. Call 1-800-361-9448 for more details.

LUNG ASSOCIATION

Is looking for art pieces to be donated to THE LUNG ASSOCIATION ART DRAW. Donations will be featured in a color brochure sent to more than 60,000 homes in central Ontario. For more information or to donate your art, call (905) 947-8577.

EXHIBITIONS

THE ART OF GREETING CARDS

The art of greeting cards. The Hallmark Canada collection exhibition runs until Feb. 2 at THE FREDERICK HORSMAN VARLEY ART GALLERY in Unionville.

On loan from Hallmark Canada, the exhibition of selected works by Canadian artists features more than 30 images, mainly reflecting the Painters of Canada series, rarely seen in public.

The gallery is at 216 Main St. 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 go to the relief fund in aid of the victims of the recent tragedy in New York City.

SUPPORT GROUPS

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 Michele, (905) 841-7007, ext. 335 for details.

PBSO

PERINATAL BEREAVEMENT SERVICES ONTARIO holds a self-help support group meeting for Markham area families who have suffered a pregnancy loss or newborn death. Group meets every second and fourth Thursday of the month at 6060 Hwy 7 office from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Call (905) 472-1807 to pre-register.



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