

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

SUNDAY, DEC. 30

Author and TV talk show host MICHAEL COREN is the guest at a community worship service 10:30 a.m. at Stouffville Country Market (10th Line north of Main Street). Donations are being accepted for the Canadian Food Grains Bank and Bridge Builders. For more information call 905-640-3911.

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. All for \$12.50/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.

AT THE LEGIONS

To all First and Second World War veterans, Canadian Allied or merchant navy, also ex-service persons from Korean, Gulf War action, widows, widowers, or dependents. You may be eligible for benefits and/or assistance. If you believe you may qualify, or if you would like to know if you are entitled to any of the above, contact Bill Harris, R.C.L. Branch # 375, at 905-884-7030 or 905-884-3909 Service Officer for assistance or you may attend Legion sponsored interviews with a representative from Veterans Affairs Canada on the second Tuesday of the month at 233 Centre St. E.

CHARITY GUIDE

CNIB CALENDARS

The Canadian National Institute for the Blind is selling 2002 Cash Calendars, previously known as Lottery Calendars, with daily weekly and monthly draws for cash prizes. Calendars can be purchased for \$20 at the following locations: in Richmond Hill, at Richmond Hill Fine Cars, 10427 Yonge St., in Aurora, at R&R Book Bar, the Aurora Shopping Centre, Yonge Street and Murray Drive, or the CNIB office, 102-9050 Yonge St.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS 2-for-1 coupons for restaurants, fast-foods, 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(ies)

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.

SUPPORT GROUPS

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 to pre-register.

CLUBS

SINGLE HORIZONS

Single Horizons, a multi-activity social and outdoor activity club for singles. The goal is to get people more active in the community and outdoors. Call 905-471-7843 for membership or www.singlehorizons.com.

YORK SINGLES

A York region social group dedicated to providing opportunities for singles to meet new friends and socialize in a variety of settings. Organized hikes, euchre, bridge, movie nights, house parties, dinners out. Visit www.yorksingles@aol.com or call 905-737-8541 for membership.

VOLUNTEERS

HOST PROGRAM

Catholic community services needs volunteers to help newcomers to Canada assimilate into their new communities. Helpers are needed for "Coffee Talk" program. Call 1-800-363-2412 or e-mail helpmate@volnetmmp.net.

DIABETES

Canadian Diabetes association needs enthusiastic volunteers with good communication skills to man display booths, help plan events and speakers to raise awareness of diabetes. If you have knowledge of diabetes, please help. Call 1-800-363-2412 or e-mail helpmate@volnetmmp.net.

ALZHEIMER

The Alzheimer Society of York Region needs patient, kind and caring volunteers to assist in their Day Respite program. Work with individuals with early onset Alzheimer disease and related disorders in the Society's Thornhill or Newmarket programs. Call 1-800-363-2412 or e-mail helpmate@volnetmmp.net.

APHASIA CENTRE

The York-Durham Aphasia Centre needs kind, caring and enthusiastic volunteers to work with adults with communication loss, communication through art, crafts and music.

COUNTRY MARKET SANTA



STAFF PHOTO/JIM MASON

Santa Claus was a popular guy when he arrived at the eighth annual Christmas Day dinner at the Stouffville Country Market Tuesday. Market owner Norm Clements hosts the free meal for the community. Radio and TV personality Michael Coren is speak at a community church service at the market on Sunday. See listings on this page for more.

Volunteers with computer skills are also needed to help these adults improve their computer skills. Call 1-800-363-2412 or e-mail helpmate@volnetmmp.net.

IN-SCHOOL MENTORING

Men and women 18 and older needed to volunteer one hour per week with boys and girls in grades 2 and 3. In-School Mentoring is a school-based social program enriching the lives of those children needing extra adult attention. Mentors are needed at Bayview Hill, Lake Wilcox and Sixteenth Ave. Public Schools in Richmond Hill and Pine Grove Public School in Woodbridge. Call Big Brothers at 905-727-1251.

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Time can mean so much - Being a friend to a new immigrant can enrich your life and education. By providing support and information to a new immigrant for only two hours a week, you can learn about their culture and share their experiences. If you can help, call Fatemeh, 905-770-7040, ext. 226 at Catholic Community Services of York Region.

ANNSWELL COURT

You can make a difference in a senior's life by giving just one hour of your time. You will find the experience

to be mutually rewarding. Befriend a senior and make your and someone else's life a little brighter this winter. Call Irena, 905-477-2839 Extension 224 for more information.

EPILEPSY

Legal advisor urgently needed on their Board and a girl Friday to assist in office. Call 1-800-363-2412 or e-mail helpmate@volnetmmp.net for additional information.

LARCHE DAYBREAK

A patient and caring volunteer with a valid drivers license and vehicle to spend quality time with a developmentally challenged 64 year-old man on Wednesdays and/or Saturdays. Call Helpmate at 1-800-363-2412 or e-mail helpmate@volnetmmp.net.

CROHNS & COLITIS

The foundation needs volunteers with good organizational, leadership and interpersonal skills to help plan and implement upcoming fundraising events in all areas of York Region. Chapter Education Program Leaders are also needed. Call Helpmate at 1-800-363-2412 or e-mail helpmate@volnetmmp.net.

CANCER SOCIETY

The Canadian Cancer Society in Richmond Hill urgently needs drivers

to transport patients to and from Sunnybrook and Princess Margaret Health Centres for treatment. Expenses paid. Call Helpmate at 1-800-363-2412 or e-mail helpmate@volnetmmp.net.

CLINICS

MULTIPLE BIRTHS prenatal classes - if you are expecting multiple births, join other women and their coaches for four evening classes or two weekend classes offered by York Region Health Services. Cost for the series is \$40, call 1-800-361-5653 or 905-895-8004.

Join other PREGNANT WOMEN and their coaches for eight informative, casual evening classes provided by the York Region Health Services. Topics include how to have a healthy baby, preparing for labour and delivery, your newborn baby, infant feeding and adjusting to parenthood. Weekend classes are also available. Register early in your pregnancy. Call 1-800-361-5653. Classes also available in Cantonese. For more information call Eva at 1-800-361-5653 or visit www.region.york.on.ca.

If you are a mother with a baby up to six months old, join other moms for a series of six POSTNATAL CLASSES offered by public health nurses at locations around York Region. Topics include nutrition, growth and development, family adjustment to a new baby, and much more. Call Health Connection at 1-800-361-5653 to register (\$15) or visit www.region.york.on.ca.

TUESDAYS

PHOTO HEALTH CARD Clinic is back at Markham Seniors Activity Centre, 22 Water St. every Tuesday (except long weekends) to replace missing/damaged/expired/incorrect health cards by appointment only. Call Oshawa: 1-905-434-3700 to book. Before you go, make sure you have at least three original documents, i.e. Canadian birth certificate/citizenship, proof that you live in Ontario, proof of signature and proof of name change (if applicant). For a detailed list, call 1-800-664-8988 or 1-800-268-1154.

At the BABY PLACE drop-in centre at Shoppes of Unionville (4261 Hwy 7 and Kennedy) from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., public health nurses offer parents support and information on topics such as breastfeeding, baby care, infant nutrition and community resources. No appointment necessary. Call 1-800-361-5653 for more information.

THURSDAYS

Come join a group for young MOMS-TO-BE, new moms, and their children. Meet other young parents, share ideas, prepare and enjoy a meal, learn about pregnancy, parenting, nutrition and community resources. Groups are offered at no charge in Milliken Mills Community Centre (7600 Kennedy Rd.) from 3:15 to 6:15 p.m. Call 905-471-1620 or visit www.region.york.on.ca.

REGISTRATIONS

LINC

The CAREER FOUNDATION A-LINC Centre offers free English language classes for recent immigrants to

EXHIBITIONS

THE ART OF GREETING CARDS

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

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 Doris McCarthy.

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

The Frederick Horsman Varley Art Gallery is at 216 Main St., Unionville. Call (905) 477-9511 ext. 221 for details.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

WEDNESDAYS

MOTHER GOOSE Program is a free program for parents with children up to 24 months old which focuses on rhymes, songs and stories to interact with your baby. Program is offered Wednesdays from 1:30 p.m. through the Pathways Family Resource Centre, 70 Main St., Markham. Call (905) 471-1620.

WHITCHURCH STOUFFVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

PRESCHOOL STORYHOUR

Jan. 7 to Feb. 25 or Jan. 8 to February 26. Age Three to Five years, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. \$45/child. Registration required.

MUSICAL DISCOVERIES

Jan. 9 to March 20, from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. or 12:45 to 1:30 p.m. or Jan. 10 to March 21, from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. Ages three to five years, \$60/child.

BOUNCING BABIES

Jan. 11 - March 1 from 9:30-10 a.m. Ages 8-24 months. Ongoing registration at the library.

MEETINGS

WEDNESDAYS

AL-AMIN MADRASSAH Islamic classes for students and adults held at Wilclay Public School at Brimley & Steeles on Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9 pm. Call Bibi, 905-472-4144.

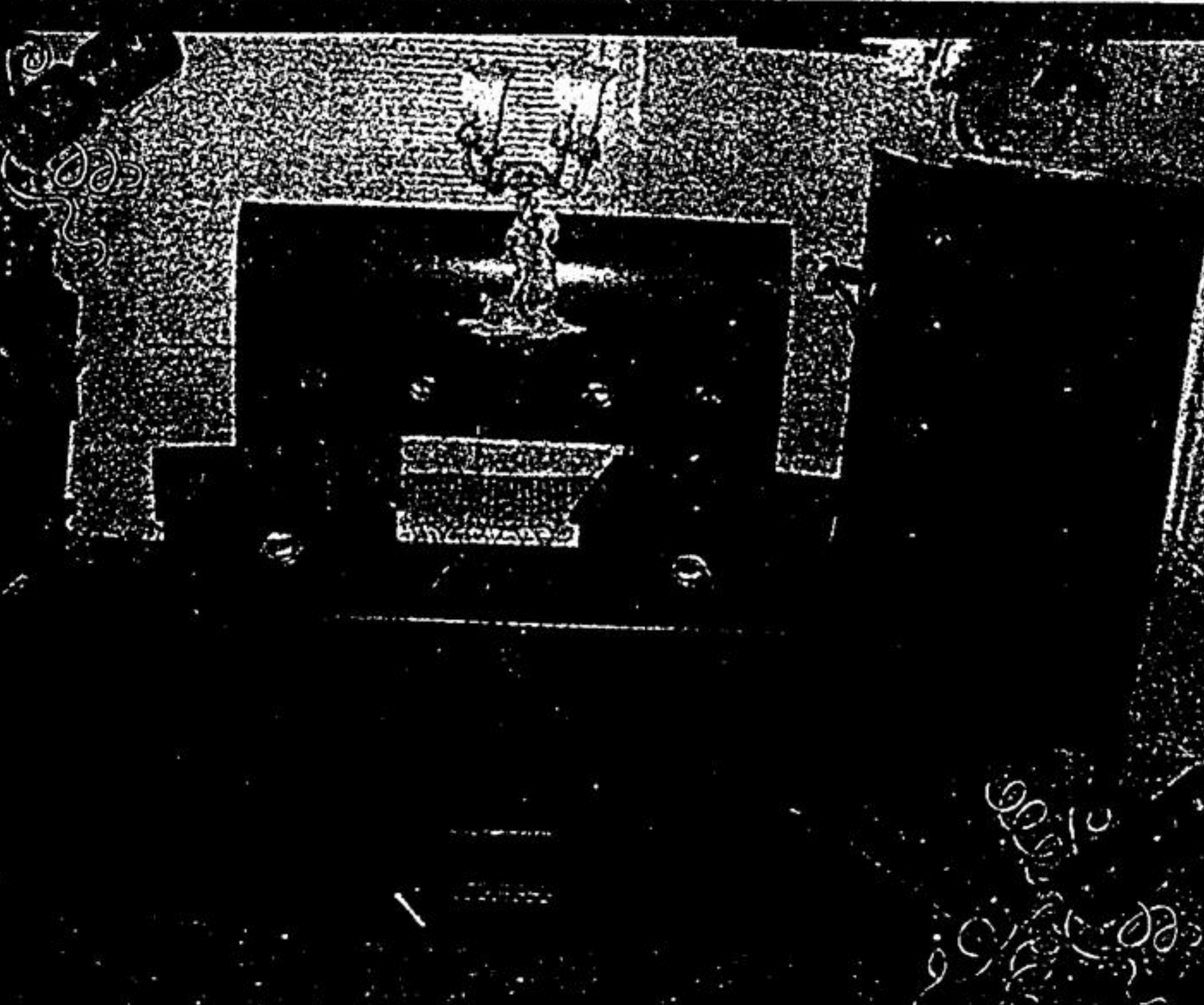
THURSDAYS

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

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