

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

TODAY

ECLIPSE FASHION SHOW, 7:30 p.m. at Unionville High School, Warden Avenue just north of Hwy. 7. Students present a showcase of dances and fashions, created and modelled by students. All proceeds go to Starlight Children's Foundation. Tickets are \$5 and available at Unionville High School.

SATURDAY, MAY 18

MUSEUM ROAD TOLL on Main St. in Stouffville from 9 a.m. to noon. Costumed Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum staff, volunteers and board members are taking to the streets to raise funds for the museum's Building Conservation Endowment Fund. Funds raised will be matched by the province's Heritage Challenge Fund Grant.

TUESDAY, MAY 21

SPRING CONCERT presented by Summitview Public School at Stouffville District Secondary School, at 7 p.m. Tickets, \$5 per family. Contact Kim Thomas at 905-642-6649.

THURSDAY, MAY 23

RETIREMENT FAREWELL for principal Paul Game at St. Augustine Catholic High School, 2188 Rodick Rd., Markham from 7 to 9 p.m. Call Joanne Serafino at 416-988-9302 or e-mail stmonichair@aol.com.

SATURDAY, MAY 25

YARD AND BAKE SALE by Ballantrae Seniors from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., rain or shine at Ballantrae Seniors, on Aurora Road east of Hwy. 48, next to the school.

GARAGE SALE at 153 Geoffrey Cr. Help the Kinette Club of Stouffville raise dollars for charity. To donate good quality items call 905-640-5004. There are approximately 700 Kinsmen, Kinette and Kin Clubs across Canada supporting cystic fibrosis research and funding other local projects.

SPRING FLING DANCE presented by Markham Chapter of One Parent Families Association from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. At Crosby Memorial Community Centre, northwest corner of Carlton and Main, Unionville. Everyone welcome. Hot buffet and door prizes. \$12.00 per person. For more information, contact Jim at 416-286-4471.

MARCH 20 TO JUNE 20

SPRING FOR A TOONIE, The Alzheimer Society of York Region will hold a fund-raising campaign to raise funds for research. Businesses, facilities and agencies are asked to participate by displaying posters and information on the services of the Alzheimer Society in their places of business. For information, call Shelley at 905 895-1337.

TUESDAY, JUNE 4

FUNDRAISING LUNCHEON AND SILENT AUCTION for the Child-Survivor Monument to be installed outside the Air Canada Centre. Takes place at the York Downs Golf and Country Club on 16th Ave., in Markham from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Guest speaker: Dini Petty. For information, call Angela Cooper at 905-473-7070 or e-mail angela.cooper@sympatico.ca.

CHARITY GUIDE

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SERVICES needs donations for refugee families, including size 13 men's shoes and boots, lamps, carpet, cooking utensils, coffee, side and kitchen tables, chairs, curtains, a vacuum cleaner and TV set. If you can donate these items, call 905-770-7040, ext. 227.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BARRIE COLLEGIATE MUSIC department is celebrating 30 years of music with a reunion on May 24-25. All former students are invited. Please see www.autumnleaves.ca or contact S. Fitzsimmons at 705-726-6541.

YORK REGION FOOD NETWORK sponsors gardens in Markham, Newmarket and Aurora in co-operation with municipalities and community groups. Plots are available from late May to early October. Call 905-751-1085 for an application. Donations and volunteer help also welcome.

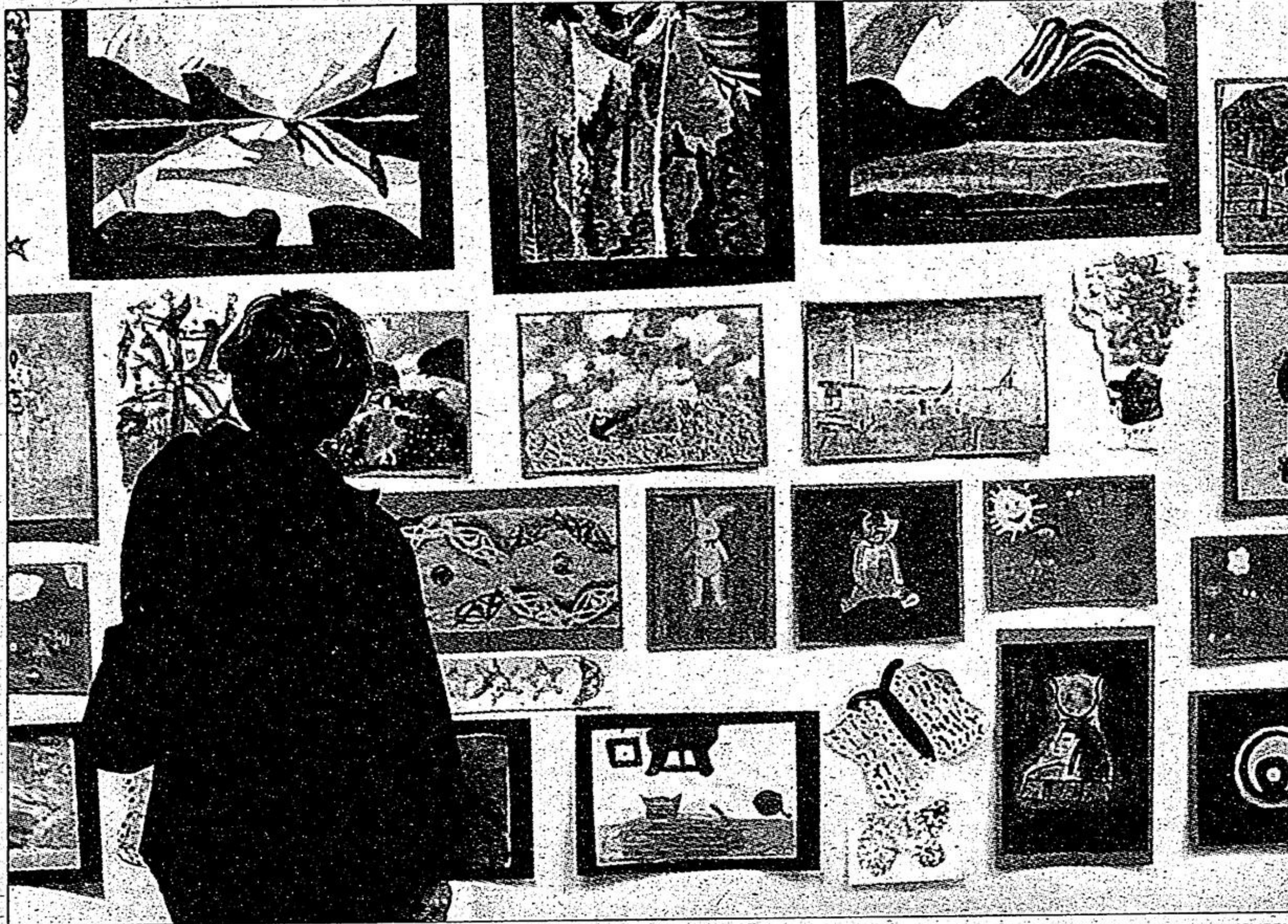
EXHIBITIONS

MAY 23 TO JUNE 2

MARKHAM GROUP OF ARTISTS' joint art show and sale at Kathleen Gormley McKay Art Centre at 197 Main St., Unionville. Features original paintings from local artists.

TO JUNE 8

PAINT AND INK: The Tools of Kathryn



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STUDENTS SHOW OFF THEIR ARTISTIC BEST

A visitor at Stouffville's Latham Gallery checks out artwork on display by local elementary school children. The show wraps up Sunday at the gallery, which is at 6240 Main Street.

Bemrose and Ray Mead at Unionville's Frederick Horsman Varley Art Gallery, 216 Main St. Meet artist Kathryn Bemrose, May 19, 2-4 p.m. Call 905-477-9511 ext. 224 for more information.

JUNE 6 TO 9

ONE COMPLEMENTS THE OTHER, at the Kathleen Gormley McKay Art Centre, 197 Main St., Unionville. Runs Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. Features artists Vita Keeling, Barb Lussing and Bev Ring. For information, call Ms Lussing at 905-947-0128.

TALKS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

BILL LISHMAN, Canada's "Father Goose" speaks about his experience with migrating Canada geese at the Stouffville council chambers, 37 Sandford Dr., Stouffville, fourth floor at 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, JUNE 11

DAVID SUZUKI speaks at the Premiere Ballroom, 9019 Leslie St., Richmond Hill at 7 p.m. Presented by the York Region Environmental Alliance. Tickets cost \$18.00 and are available through Ticketmaster at 416-870-8000 or YREA at 1-905-953-0011.

THURSDAY, MAY 30

OSTEOPOROSIS PRESENTATION by Sunrise Assisted Living of Unionville. Terri Pease offers **SPEAKING OF BONES**, a presentation on osteoporosis, its symptoms, diagnosis, and treatments. Seniors and adult caregivers welcome to Sunrise of Unionville, 38 Swansea Rd. (at Hwy 7 west of McCowan). Registration at 1:30 p.m. Lecture from 2 to 3 p.m. Please R.S.V.P. to 905-947-4566.

WORKSHOPS/ SEMINARS

MONDAY, MAY 27

ANGER MANAGEMENT eight-week seminar begins, 7-9 p.m. at Markham Stouffville Family Life Centre, 4261 Hwy. 7 E, Suite 203. For more information call 905-415-9719.

TUESDAY, JUNE 4

Join Farid Wassef, R.P.H., CCN, and Allen Turner, DC, for a FREE Seminar titled "Ensuring Healthy Aging," 7-9 p.m. at Lebovic Leisure Centre in Stouffville Memorial Park. This workshop teaches how to naturally prevent age related diseases and maximize functional years. Seating is limited. Call 905-640-4440 for more information or reservations.

EMPLOYMENT WORKSHOPS

TUESDAY, MAY 21

WELCOME TO THE INTERNET workshop. Join the "fast-growing" world of the Internet. Participants will learn how to navigate web

sites, explore search engines and perform effective job searches. Runs from 7 to 9 p.m. To register, call the Neighbourhood Employment Resource Centre at 905-640-2856.

THURSDAY, MAY 23

FOREIGN-TRAINED ENGINEERS can learn how to gain Canadian work experience. A guest speaker from the Ontario Society of Professional Engineers is presented by the Catholic Community Services of York Region. Runs from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at 7170 Warden Ave., unit 15, in Markham. For more information; or to register, call Kala Vora at 905-415-9537.

TUESDAY, MAY 28

CHANGING YOUR PATH teaches you how to navigate the choppy waters of change with a skilled paddle. Identify and learn how to change habits and beliefs that block the way to getting what you want out of life and work. Runs from 6:45 to 8:45 p.m. To register and for location information, call the Neighbourhood Employment Resource Centre at 905-640-2856.

EMPLOYMENT SERVICES AT JOB SKILLS for those eligible to collect E.I., or who have collected E.I. in the last three years or maternity/parental benefits in the last five years. Available at 4855 14th Ave., at Brimley in Markham. Call 905-948-9622 or drop in. Funded by HRDC.

THEATRES/CONCERTS

FRIDAY, MAY 24

PEGGY'S GARDEN, a new musical by Tom Kneebone and Dinah Christie, presented by Smile Theatre at Parkview Village. Begins at 7:30 p.m. at 12184 Ninth Line, Stouffville. Tickets \$7 at reception office or at the door. Call Joanne at 905-640-1940 ext. 24 for information.

MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

EPILEPSY YORK REGION's annual general meeting at Markham Stouffville Hospital, 381 Church St. Reception at 6:30 p.m., meeting at 7:30 p.m. Dr. McIntyre Burnham speaks on Treating Epilepsy in 2002 at 8 p.m. All welcome. For information, call Lee at 905-508-5404 or e-mail epilepsy@col.ca.

THURSDAY, MAY 23

A GUIDED WALK with the Whitchurch-Stouffville Newcomers Club through the forests of Mysthaven from 4 to 7 p.m. Herbal expert Debra Owen leads the walk. No cost. Bring nice clothes for the banquet that follows. RSVP to Mariel at 905-888-7888.

WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE NEWCOMERS CLUB annual Celebration of Spring Banquet, 7:30 p.m. at Mysthaven, the home of president Mariel Camilleri Sarringer. If you are new in town or just want to meet new people, we welcome you to join us. Please RSVP at 905-888-7888.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP meets at 7 p.m. in Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library for open discussion. New members welcome. No charge.

THURSDAY, MAY 30

THE DR. INNIS MACDONALD CHAPTER IODE's monthly meeting at 8 p.m. Call Cathy at 905-294-7892 for location or information.

WEDNESDAYS

AL-AMIN MADRASSAH Islamic classes for students and adults are held at Wilclay Public School at Brimley Road and Steeles Avenue on Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. Call Bibi at 905 472-4144.

PLACES OF WORSHIP

TUESDAY, MAY 28

UNIONVILLE WOMEN'S COFFEE HOUR presentation by Elaine Colee. Speaker Anne Newfeld, music by Karen Illman. Runs from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Crosby Memorial Community Church, 210 Main St., Unionville. Admission \$4.00, \$2.00 for seniors.

SUPPORT GROUPS

THE WARM LINE

A non-crisis telephone support line for people in York Region with difficulties in their lives. Volunteers provide referrals to services in the community or just listen and chat. The Warm Line operates every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 6:00 p.m. to midnight. In the north part of York Region call 905-954-4110 and for the south part of York Region call 416-685-7480.

PARENT SUPPORT

The Association of Parent Support Groups in Ontario is a community-based self-help group that meets weekly to assist troubled parents deal with their children's disruptive behaviour. If you have a son or daughter in trouble with drugs, alcohol, the law, school or other behavioural problems, call 416-223-7444 for more information and location of meetings.

CHINESE IMMIGRANT WOMEN

Support groups meet 10 a.m.-noon every Tuesday, Thursday or Friday at the CICS Markville Shopping Centre office (Hwy. 7 in Markham). Call 905-474-1275.

GAY, LESBIAN AND BISEXUAL YOUTH

A support group, for those younger than 26, meets the first and third Monday of each month from 7 to 9 p.m. For information, call York Region Health Services at 1-800-461-2135 or the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Youth Line at 1-800-268-YOUTH.

PERINATAL BEREAVEMENT SERVICES

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 of the month at the 6060 Hwy. 7, office from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Meetings are free. Call 905-472-1807 to pre-register.

YOUNG MOMS TO BE

The group meets Thursdays from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at Pathways, 70 Main St., Markham. Contact Cheryl Heave at 905-471-1620.

BRIDGES OF HOPE

A drop-in group meets at Evergreen Hospice, 6060 Hwy. 7, Markham on the fourth Sunday of each month. Call 905-472-5014 for details.

ADULT INTERESTS

ONE PARENT FAMILIES ASSOCIATION OF CANADA

Markham chapter hosts monthly fund-raising dances. All are welcome, especially single parents. The chapter also has a general meeting on the third Wednesday of each month, at 8 p.m. Single parents and prospective members are welcome. For more information, contact Jim at 416-286-4471 or Ross at 905-763-1950.

YORK SINGLES

A York Region social group dedicated to providing opportunities for singles to meet new friends and socialize in a variety of settings. Hiking, euchre, bridge, movie nights, house parties and dinners out. Call 905-737-8541 or visit www.yorksingles.com or email: yorksingles@aol.com.

SINGLE HORIZONS

A multi-activity social and outdoor activity club for singles has the goal to get people more active in the community and outdoors. Call 905-471-7843 for membership or www.singlehorizons.com.

HI FIVE O MARKHAM

A social club for people over 50. Enjoy various outings: dining, theatre, movies, hiking, art galleries, museums, craft and antique shows, camping and cottage life. Call 905-201-0624 or 905-471-2785.

EUCHRE

Alternate Fridays at Markham District Veterans Association (7 Washington St.), Markham at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$5 per person which includes prizes, lunch, tea and coffee. Call Glen 905-294-5871 for details.

FIDDLERS AND FRIENDS

The Markham Village Strathspey and Reel Society meets every second and fourth Saturday, at the Olde Markham Village Train Station, Markham Road north of Hwy. 7, from noon to 2 p.m. Open to players and accompanists of all levels. Contact Phil at 905-294-1141 or e-mail phil@howesitgoing.com.

CLUBS

JOKERS AND HUMOUR GROUP

Meets monthly. Free for all ages. Fun, refreshments, prizes. Call Irv Helpert at 416-661-2541 or 905-731-2866 for registration.

VOLUNTEERS

SATURDAY, MAY 25

Volunteers needed to promote sober driving and raise funds for their community, by helping with the Arrive Alive Bottle Drive for three hours at their local The Beer Store. Your community will receive 50 per cent of what is raised to support sober driving locally. Volunteers must be of legal drinking age or accompanied by someone of legal drinking age, and must register in advance. Call 416-485-4411, 1-800-501-2853, or visit www.occd.org to register and find out the contact for your community.

VICARS

WORK IN PARTNERSHIP with York Regional Police and the OPP assisting victims of crime and tragic circumstances. Residents of York Region 21-years and over welcome. Training begins in September. Call Stephanie at 905-881-1221 ext. 7515 if you are interested.

YORK REGION FOOD NETWORK

STUDENTS complete 10 hours of community service at community gardens in Aurora, Markham and Newmarket by May 31. Spread wood chips, weed, clean up garbage, label and clean tools, prepare and paint signs, help seniors to turn over soil. Volunteers from the community also welcome. Call the Community Gardens co-ordinator at 905-751-1085.

BIG SISTERS OF YORK

BOARD MEMBERS wanted for a minimum two-year term. Contact Mary Beatson, executive director at 905-727-4897 or bsoy@interlog.com.

A TIME FOR FRIENDS

FRIENDSHIP needed for new immigrants. For only two hours a week, you can give the gift of friendship to a new immigrant. If you can help, please call Fatemeh of the Host Program at 905-770-7040, ext. 226.

THE DAILY BREAD FOOD BANK

RECEPTION VOLUNTEERS are needed for our Welcome Centre. Computer skills are an asset. Daytime shifts available from Monday to Friday. Call 416-203-0050 Ext. 236.