



STAR BRIGHT: Mark Chubbuck, 8, uses a window as a light table to trace a star during a Christmas holiday craft workshop at the Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum.

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Big-time award for Scouting volunteer

Former Whitchurch-Stouffville resident Don Dumond recently received one of the highest awards presented by Scouts Canada.

The Award of Fortitude was given to Mr. Dumond at the Mount Albert Lions Hall. It acknowledges his continuing commitment to Scouting activities despite serious health setbacks over the past three years. After a heart attack knocked him flat on his back in 1999, he started on the road to recovery only to be diagnosed with stomach cancer. "Don doesn't give up easily," said his wife Danielle. "While waiting for his by-pass, he raised money for the Scouts over the phone."

Mr. Dumond is currently the official fundraiser for the Scouts' South Lake Simcoe Region. He has been involved with the movement for more than 25 years, eventually becoming president of the Region.

Over a year ago, Mr. Dumond joined the Stouffville Legion. He was involved with the Ballantrae Lions Club since 1994, recently transferring to Uxbridge. This year, he is also the Lions Club zone chairman for this area.



DON DUMOND

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Tourism and Recreation, highlighted the Rotary Club's work in sponsoring a number of local youth sports teams, raising funds to replace the bleachers at the ball diamond in Memorial Park and helping to clean up Lehman's Pond.

Mr. Klees outlined a number of ways his Ministry and local service clubs could work together to bring more tourism into this area.

The Rotary Club is now gearing up for its next major fundraiser, a food and wine tasting event called "A Taste of Spring", planned for the end of March. The club has about 20 members.

Food becomes art at Latcham Show

When is a cereal box not a cereal box?

When it's part of the Modular Lunch art show opening at the Latcham Gallery in Stouffville on Sunday, Jan. 12.

Vancouver artist Rhonda Wepler takes familiar objects such as simple white tables and shelves to display everyday items like boxes of food.

Although the outside of the boxes may look real, they have no real contents.

"Instead of using the objects without thinking about them the way most of us do on a daily basis, we begin to start thinking about them as constructed objects, as sculptures," said Maura Broadhurst, curator of the Latcham Gallery.

The show's opening reception is from 1 to 3 p.m. on Jan. 12 and the artist will be present. It continues until Feb. 16.

Ms. Wepler began her art career as a painter and continues to explore the relationship between painting and other two-dimensional ways of representing objects such as photography, drawing and melding them with sculpture.

For more information on the show, call 905-640-8954. The gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday through Saturday and from 12-4 p.m. on Sundays.

Rotarians and MPP to boost tourism

The Stouffville Rotary Club was one of the groups consulted recently by MPP Frank Klees as the Ontario government works towards a five-year tourism strategic plan.

Consultations will be held by government officials across the province over the next three months.

"As Rotarians, we are always interested in working with businesses and governments to help communities prosper," said Ken Prentice, Charter Member of the Stouffville Rotary Club and branch manager of Dundee Private Investors in Stouffville.

Tourism is Ontario's sixth-largest export industry, generating annual revenues of \$20.1 billion and accounting for almost half a million jobs across Ontario.

Mr. Klees, the Ontario Minister of

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