

Stouffville Says

By Hannelore Volpe

Have you encountered road rage?

— Asked in Stouffville

Chris HALL



I used to work in downtown Toronto where road rage is so much more prevalent. Either you are stopped in traffic or someone is trying to cut you off.

Peter ALCORN



All the time. When I'm driving the snowplow (for the municipality), people get anxious and race through traffic to get around us.

Theresa BRAY



It is everywhere! I watched two men going up the 404 doing at least 140 km. They were yelling, shaking their fists at each other and hanging out the window.

Jamie REDSHAW



People don't like being stopped for road construction or repairs. People yell at us (in public works) and I have had to jump out of the way of cars when working on the road.



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Ria Koning walks along the trail followed by volunteer Kari Harrington during the York-Durham Aphasia Centre's walk and roll-a-thon last Thursday. The event, at the centre's Parkview Village headquarters, was to raise awareness of the abilities and needs of adults with aphasia and to promote fitness for everyone. Sixty people took part.

Stroke sufferers in the swim



Ashley Williams rolls with help from volunteer Anne Treeby at Parkview Village.

After a stroke, many people find themselves unable to talk.

They come to the York-Durham Aphasia Centre at Parkview Village in Stouffville and several other locations in York Region for help.

This year, the centre received funding to open three new locations. There are now aphasia centres in Stouffville, Markham (with service in Cantonese), Whitby, Peterborough, Newmarket and Maple (with Italian service).

Although they are funded by the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care, the centres are still required to do additional fundraising. That includes the June 1 walk/rollathon in Stouffville.

A swimathon at the Lebovic Leisure Centre is taking place today. The centre has also set up a display to explain aphasia and some strategies for coping with the condition.

"It is not very well understood," said Ruth Patterson, a speech pathologist and the centre's communications program coordinator.

The yearly fundraising goal is \$10,000 and all locations together raise almost \$9,000. The centre provided services to 105 new clients throughout York this year.

To join the swimathon or make a pledge, call 905-642-7529.

Briefly

Sun-Tribune second three times at nationals

The Stouffville Sun-Tribune came home with three second-place awards at a national newspaper convention in Quebec City May 28.

The Sun-Tribune was runner-up overall and for best front page and editorial page in its circulation class (6,500 to 12,499) at the Canadian Community Newspapers Association better newspapers competition.

There were 22 papers in the class. The Sun-Tribune was second overall at the Ontario convention this year, too.

For more information, go to www.ccna.ca

Donations instead of birthday gifts

When Stouffville resident Benjamin Foppa turned 13, he invited a bunch of his friends to his birthday party, but wasn't looking for gifts.

He asked them to bring donations for the Stouffville Igoma Project to support the African village, which is in the process of getting wells to provide clean drinking water.

The young people raised more than \$260.

"It was a really thoughtful thing for him to do," project chairperson Peter Neufeld said.

Benjamin wanted the donations to go a worthy cause. He knew his mother, Sibylle Foppa, who sings with the Bach to Blues Chorus, was part of a fundraising concert to benefit Igoma and wanted the birthday party donations to benefit children there.

He was also inspired by a friend who had asked for donations to the Whitchurch-Stouffville Food Bank as part of his birthday party last year.

— Hannelore Volpe

Quoteworthy

'...everyone knows who I am and people were expecting more of me.'

Provincial champion sprinter Natalie Geiger. See story on page 21.

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