

Like to act out? Music Mania looking for actors, dancers, singers

The New Year's Eve party hats and serpentine will hardly be cleaned up before the town's Music Maniacs gather for their first meeting and rehearsal Jan. 3.

New members are welcome to attend to find out what Music Mania is all about, longtime member Heather Andrews said.

No previous performing experience is required.

The first meeting is at Stouffville United Church, 34 Church St., at 7:30 p.m.

This year's show entitled "24 and So Much More" will take to the stage at Stouffville District Secondary School April 26 to 28.

It will be the 47-year-old variety show's last year at the high school, which closes its doors next summer. Dance rehearsals are Monday

nights, skits Tuesday nights and chorus practices Wednesday evenings.

The show is sponsored by the United Church's Couples + Club, but is open to everyone in the community.

About 200 people come together from all over the municipality to put together the annual music and variety show, which features singers, dancers, bands and skits.

This year's director, Dave Baxter, has his head appear on a putting green. Men have danced in green tights, the black-light troupe has brought colourful trees and animals to life and the communities of Stouffville and Uxbridge have been recreated on stage for a good spoofing.

Music Mania is always looking for chorus members, assistant director Sharon Baxter said.

Helping put on the show are Natalie Wood, who leads the dance troupe, skits director Rick Lightfoot and Marg Cunningham, who returns as music director. The show's co-producers are Jean Buchan and Sharon Baxter.

Music Mania supports local charities with show proceeds every year.

—Hannelore Volpe

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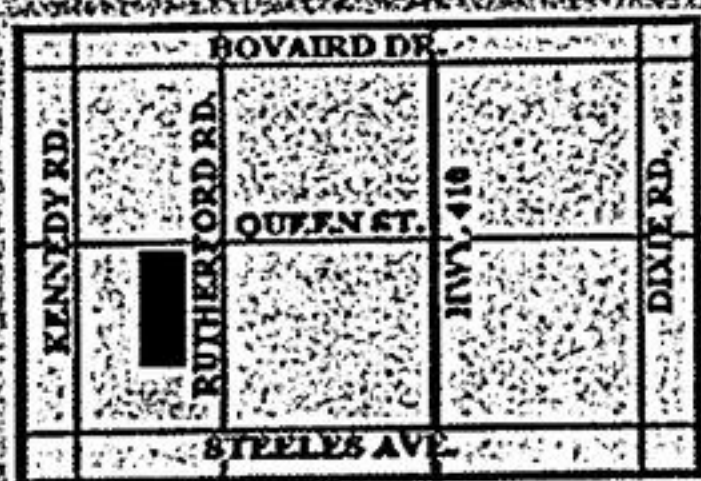
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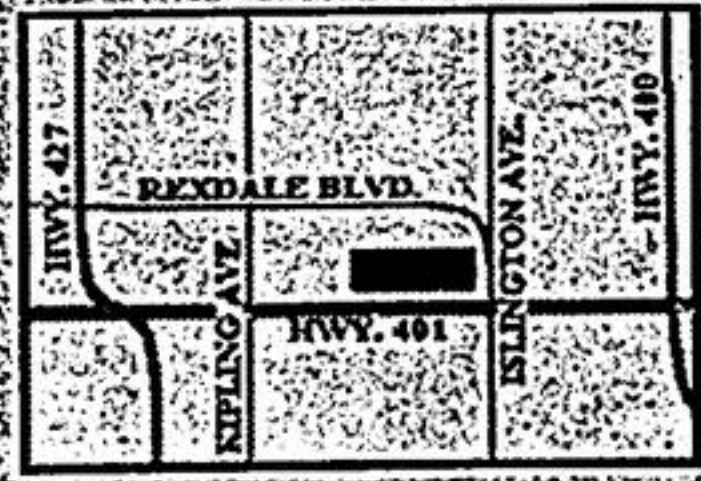
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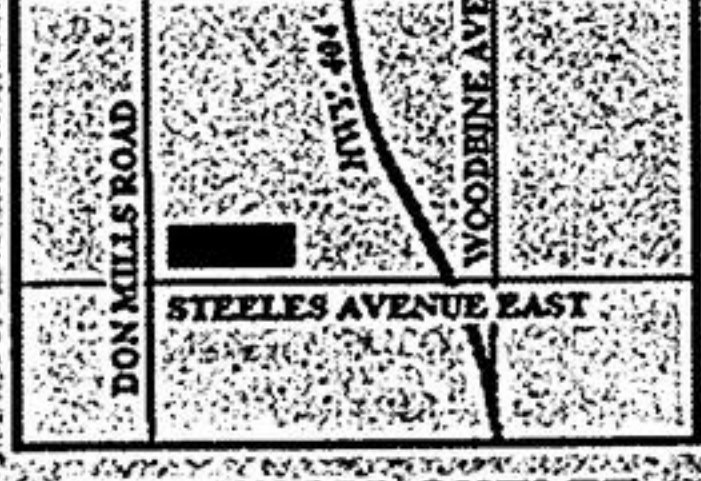
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