

MONDAY, MARCH 5
Toastmasters in Stouffville meets at 7 p.m. weekly at Stouffville District Secondary School, 183 Bramble Cres. Improve your public speaking and leadership skills.

TUESDAY, MARCH 6
The Stouffville Adult Skating Club meets from 8:55 to 9:45 p.m. in the Stouffville Arena on Ninth Line, north of Main Street. Everyone over 16 is welcome. Cost is \$5 per person. For more information, call 905-640-1149.

Glad Park Public School presents a parenting workshop facilitated by Dr. Colin Sturdy on the topic *Hurried Adult, Hurried Child*: strategies for dealing with our hectic lifestyles and the toll it takes on our children. All are wel-

come at 7:30 p.m. in the school library, 300 Glad Park Ave. E-mail to yasuda@rogers.com for information.

The Crazy Ladies Quilt & Craft Club meets from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Bring any craft to work on including quilting, knitting, crocheting and scrap-booking. We also do exchanges and charity projects. E-mail Cindy at crazy_ladies_club@hotmail.com for information.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7
The Triple P Positive Parenting Program is being hosted by Stouffville District Secondary School, 183 Bramble Cres. from 7 to 9 p.m. Learn how to encourage positive behaviour in your children in Grades 7, 8, 9 and 10. No charge. For more information, call the school at 905-640-1433.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Christ Church Anglican presents its first of five Lenten Dinners. This is the 12th year of offering free dinners for five weeks during Lent from 5 to 7 p.m. The dates are today, March 14, 21 and 28. Everyone is welcome. The Anglican Parish of Christ Church is at 254 Sunset Blvd., Stouffville. Call 905-640-1461 for transportation and to deliver meals to shut-ins.

THURSDAY, MARCH 8
The Thursday Night Movie at the Whitchurch-

Stouffville Public Library is *The Fountain*. Movies start at 7 p.m. and admission is free. The library is in the Lebovic Leisure Centre.

SUNDAY, MARCH 11
The Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library is hosting free tax clinics for low-income residents from noon to 4 p.m. Half-hour bookings to complete your income tax form must be booked in advance. Space is limited and income restrictions apply. Call 905-642-7323.

TUESDAY, MARCH 13
The ladies coffee morning from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. features an Irish sing-along with Jean and Cheryl Fisher speaking on "When the waters get deep". In the Village Square, 36 Eastern Gate. To reserve or cancel, call Ruth at

905-640-0791 by March 9. Tickets are \$6 each. There's also a prayer coffee on March 7. Call 905-642-2086. It is presented by the Stouffville Christian Women's Club.

SATURDAY, MARCH 17
The annual St. Patrick's Day Bazaar hosted by the Silver Jubilee Seniors Club is on from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Features a bake sale, attic treasures and crafts. Lunch is available. The club is at Market and Main streets in Stouffville.

SUNDAY, MARCH 18
Stouffville United Church is hosting a roast beef dinner at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults; \$10 for children from six to 10 years of age and \$5 for youngsters under six. Call 905-640-1163 or 905-642-0275.

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Proceeds from this year's gala will be directed to Markham Stouffville Hospital Emergency Department.

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The Village Grocer Leads the Way!

By Catherine Daley

At The Village Grocer, attentive service mixed with quality products has proven to be the recipe for success. Now in their 21st year of business, Evan MacDonald and his wife, Cathy, were the proud recipients of the Anthony Roman Award in 2006.

Presented at the annual Celebration of Business Excellence in Markham, this award is bestowed upon a Markham business that has experienced incredible success, in addition to giving of their time through volunteer activities that contribute to positive growth in the town of Markham. Like the former mayor, Anthony Roman, who gave freely of himself to build a great community, this award is a fitting tribute in his honor. "I'm thrilled to have won this award," says Evan.

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Marking their seventh year as the Presenting Sponsor, *The Village Grocer* has significantly increased their financial support for this year's gala *'April in Paris'*, making them one of the largest supporters of the Markham Stouffville Hospital Foundation. Evan and his family have always believed in giving

back to the community, and hope that by setting an example, other businesses will also get on board.

Like everything he does, Evan pours his heart and soul into the Foundation gala. Last year, he and Kevin Thistle of Angus Glen Golf Course were co-chairs of the live auction committee, and they've accepted this responsibility once again. Not only do they challenge friends and co-workers to top each other's bids, they challenge themselves with raising the bar each year in terms of prizes and proceeds. Last year they set out to raise \$50,000 and the final tally came in at \$62,000. "Our goal this year is \$75,000 and we'll shoot for \$100,000 the year after," says Evan.

Evan alludes to possible prizes that may include a trip to Paris, golf and sports-themed vacations, electronics, jewelry and more. While it's still premature to confirm the

packages, he does guarantee that the event is going to be incredible.

Funds raised from this year's gala will go towards much-needed equipment for the Emergency Department. Initially, the department was built to accommodate 35,000 patients per year, but treated in excess of 50,000 patients last year. Dr. Andrew Arcand, Chief of Emergency Medicine, confirms that the first two priorities will be the purchase of an ultrasound, plus a cardiac and vital signs monitor.

As spring approaches, Evan is trying to make room for his treasured botanical section at *The Village Grocer*. "It's a fun time of year - out-of-control stupid," Evan laughs. "Plants fill every corner and crevice, and just when you think there's no more room, another truck pulls up and unloads."

Evan's love of plants is one of the main reasons plans are in the works for building a larger store. With an increased demand for more products and an expanded wholesale division, the store is bursting at the seams. However, it's important to Evan that the intimate atmosphere he's created, along with the all-important market-like ambiance is retained.

The Village Grocer is reminiscent of European priorities, where people work to live and choose fresh ingredients on a daily basis. So it's fitting that the theme for the Markham Stouffville Hospital Foundation gala is *'April in Paris'*. At *The Village Grocer* you can pick up a fresh baguette, along with sumptuous pastries. An extensive selection of meats, vegetables, and imported products help you to serve up one-of-a-kind meals. But when your time and energy are in short supply, you can still eat right with a full line of prepared foods made on the premises by Evan's mother-in-law, Doreen Parker, and a full team of cooks.

Being a good citizen is as important to Evan as is providing the best food and customer service in the area. He invites all his friends and colleagues to join in on the fun at this year's gala - *'April in Paris'*

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